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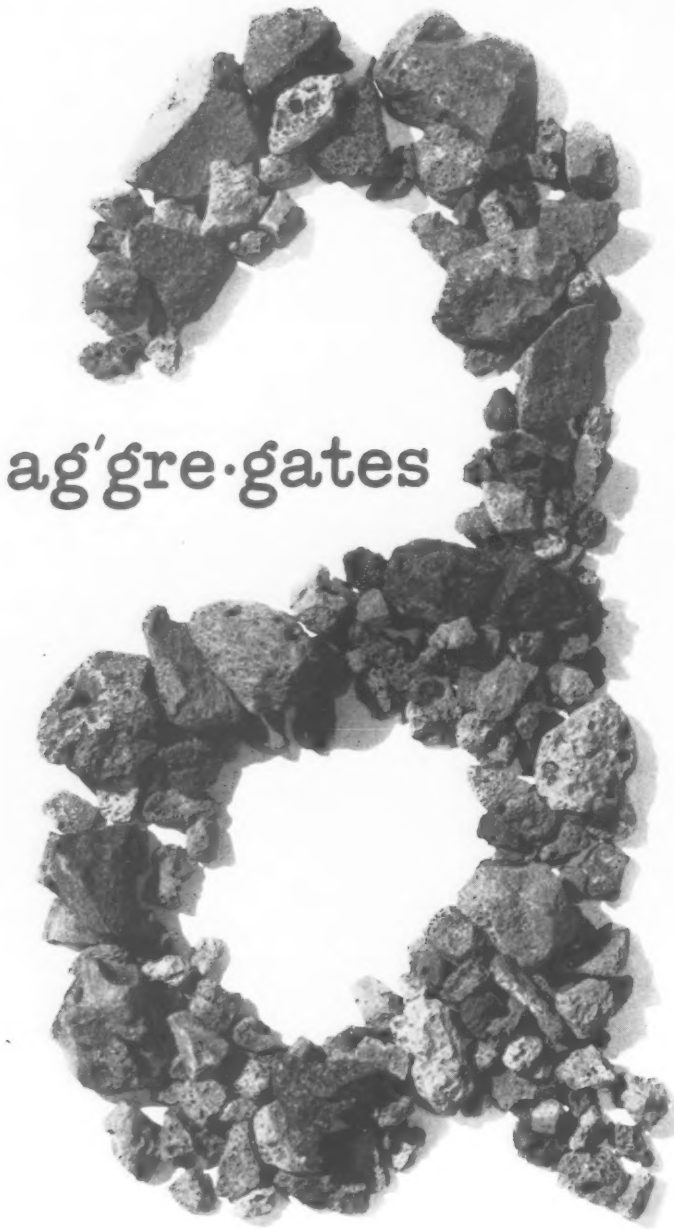

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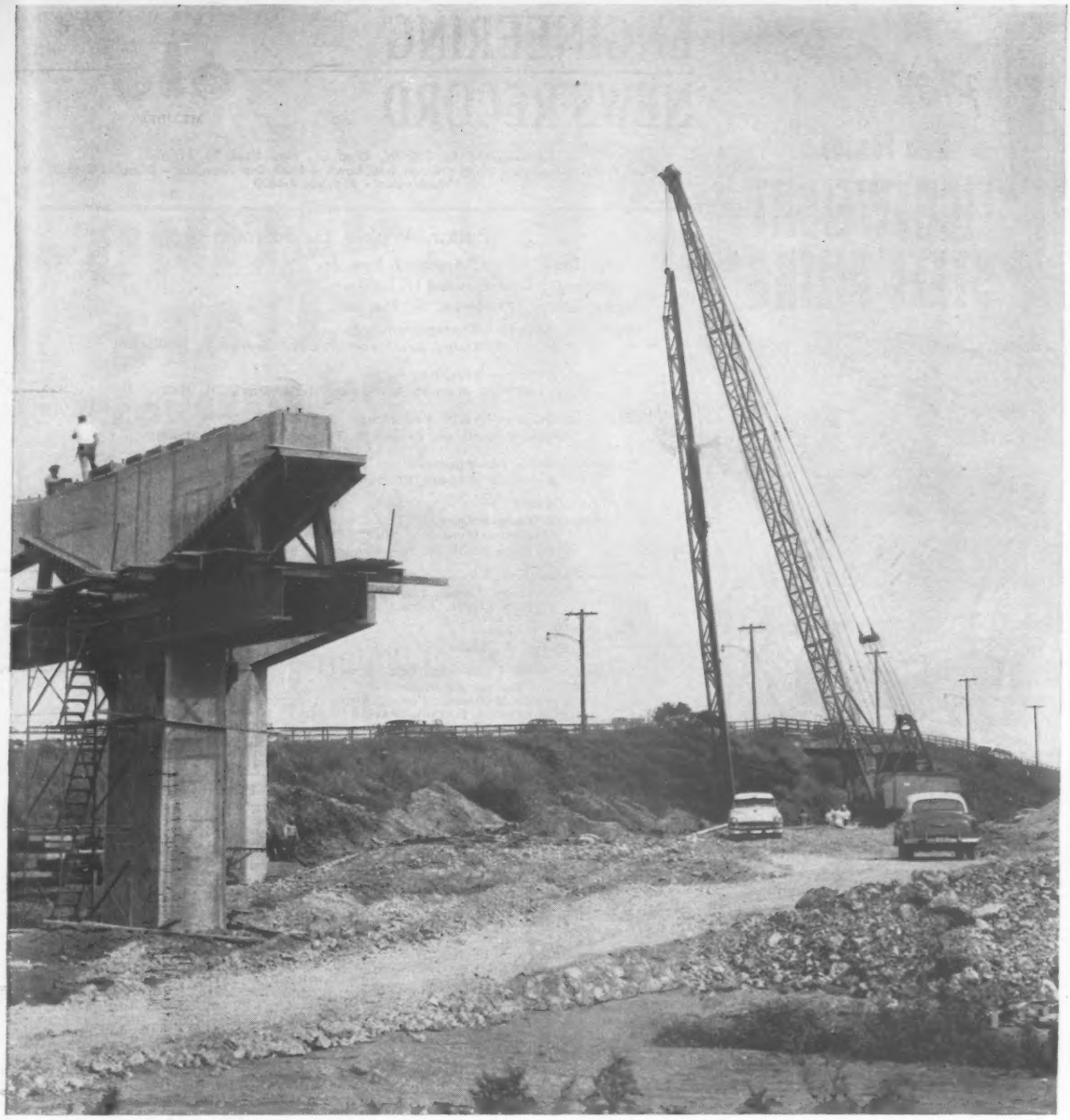

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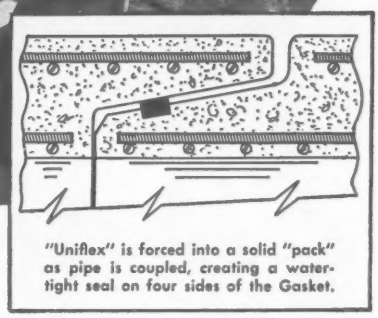

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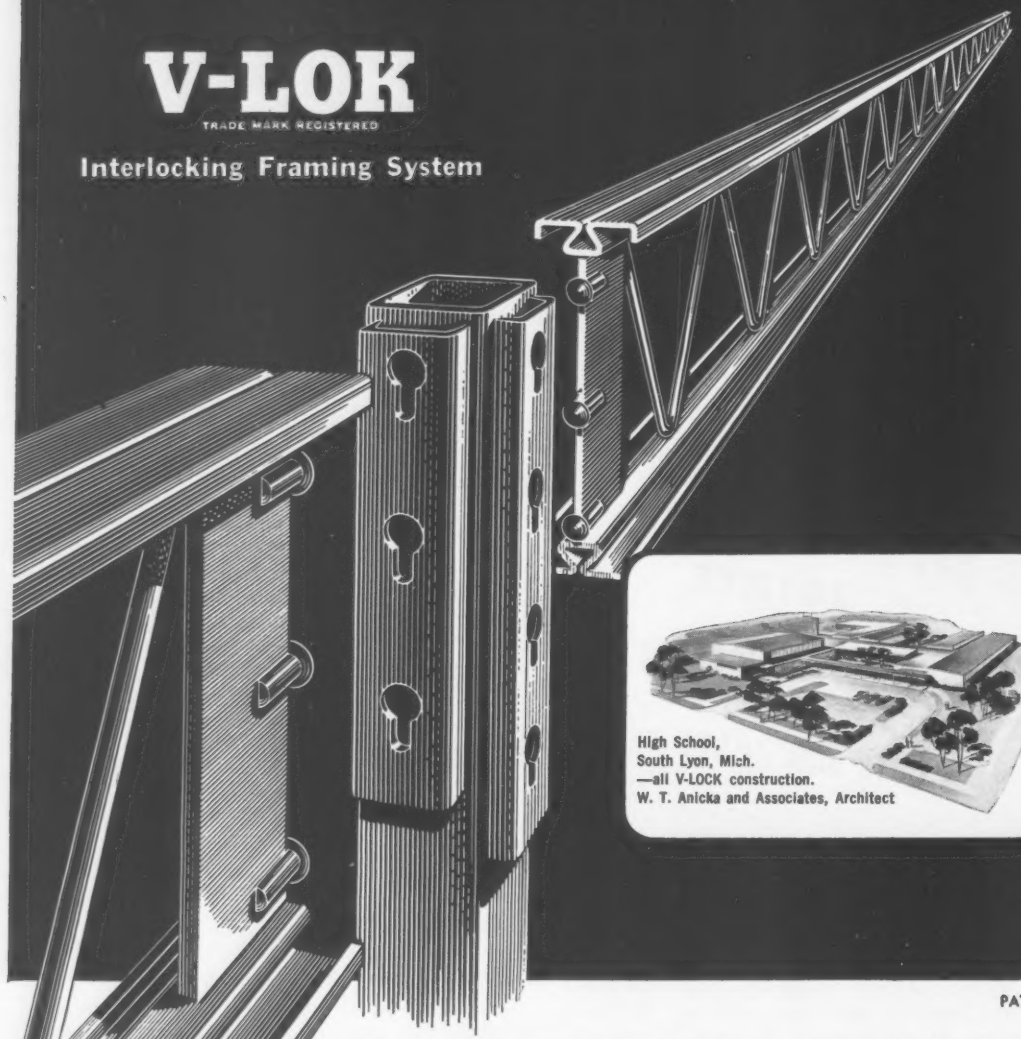

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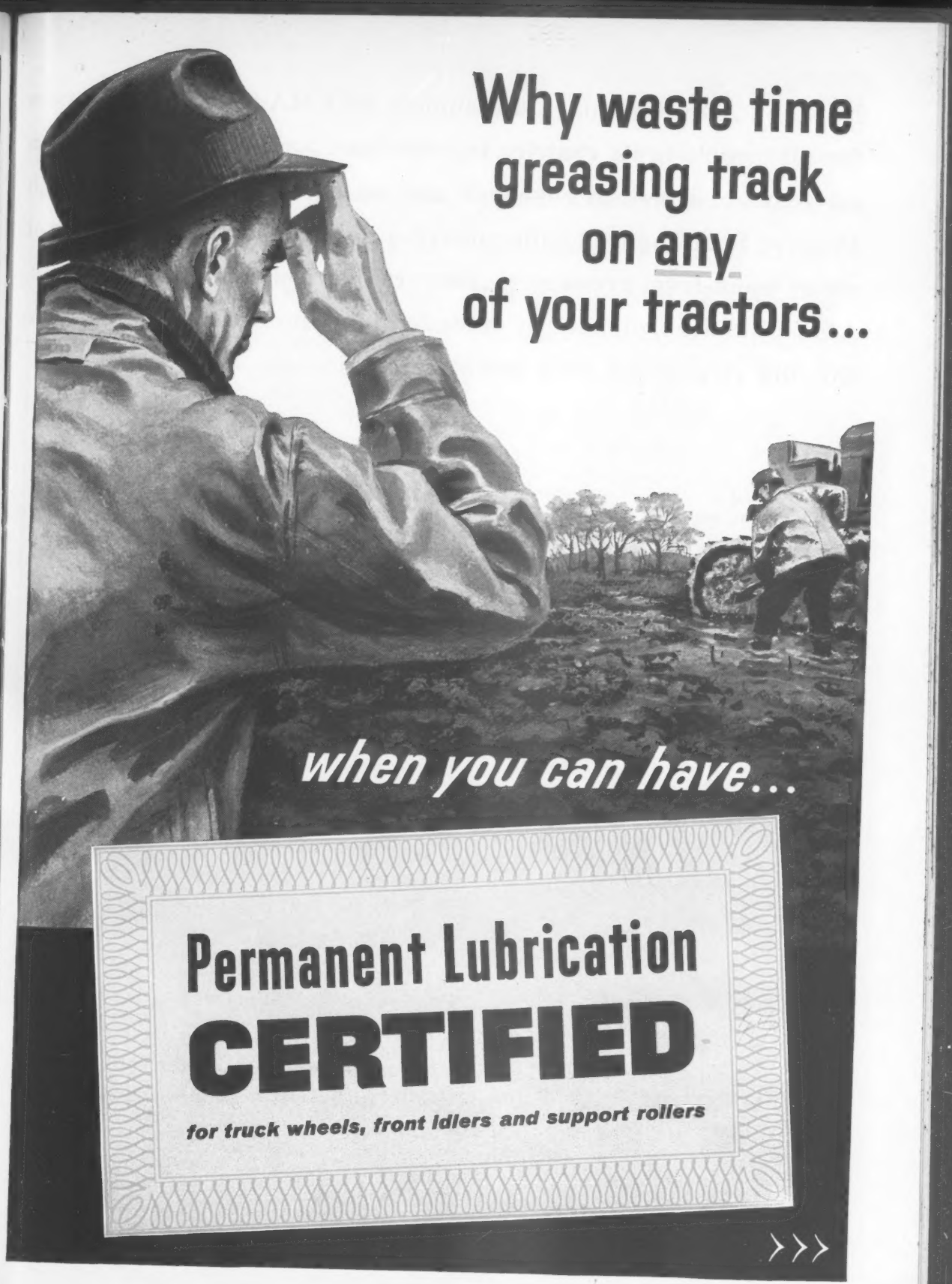
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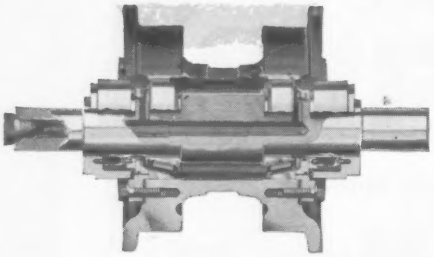

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Reader Comment

Volta Bridge—Long Arch

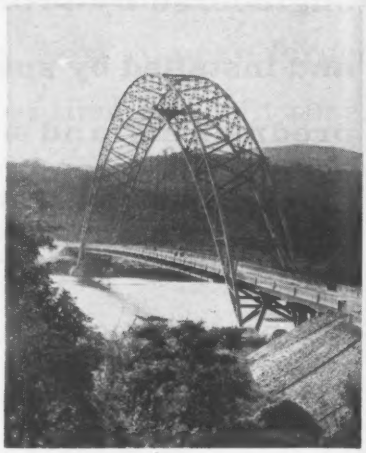
SIR—Researchers for your article, "Spanning Glen Canyon at 700 ft" (ENR Dec. 4, 1958, p. 34) seemingly failed to research your own archives. Otherwise the list of major steel arch bridges presumably would have included as No. 7: Name—Volta. Location—Ghana—Span—805 ft. Clearance to water—35 ft. Year—1956. (ENR Oct. 4, 1956, p. 56).

The conception of design and construction applied in the Volta Bridge set a new standard for steel arch bridges which has yet to be excelled, so far as we know.

Full details of the design and construction were given by the designers, Peter A. Scott and Gilbert Roberts, in the PROCEEDINGS of the Institute of Civil Engineers, April, 1958.

If ENR had had the Volta Bridge in mind, the use of tie-back cables at Glen Canyon would not have been described as new.

The method of adjusting cable lengths is long familiar, but at the Volta Bridge the need for adjusting compression in the chords by jacking was



eliminated, considerably simplifying the operation of closing the arch.

EDWARD M. GOSSCHALK
Senior Engineer
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London, England

Tension Limit for Bolts

SIR—Most articles on high-strength bolts indicate that a top-quality ASTM A235 bolt can be safely tightened to a point just below failure. The idea is that if it doesn't fail in this tightening process, it will never fail.

Theoretically, this is true. However, I question the basic theoretical assumption used in the reasoning that leads to this conclusion.

This assumption is that a steel bolt won't fail or relax until it reaches the yield point. This behavior, of course, is generally the case with the many fine bolts produced today.

However, our experience has shown that many bolts will not only relax before they reach the yield point, but will, in fact, elongate and fail over a period of time.

A high-strength bolt will be tightened to near failure and left in good condition to stand overnight. The next day it will have relaxed enough to fall below the elastic proof load or it will snap in two pieces. If enough bolts in one connection do this, the joint would slip into shear and not be immune to fatigue stresses.

I suggest as a solution to this problem that an upper limit be put on the tension induced in the bolt. Current general practice involves using the elastic proof load as this upper limit for tension.

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I would appreciate comments from any other interested readers on this subject.

G. R. STIFLER
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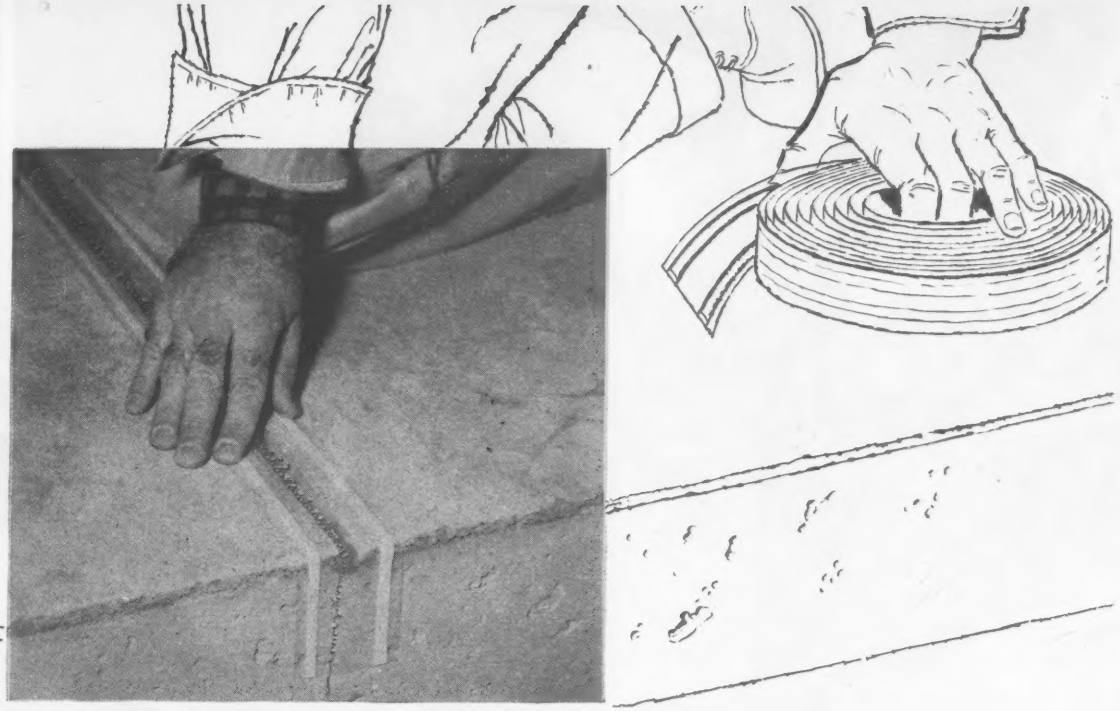

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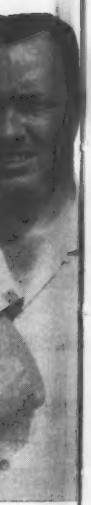

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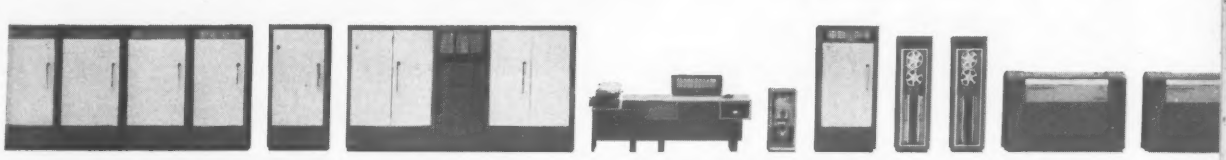

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Construction is 'Human'

SIR—In the Nov. 27, 1958 issue, the contracting business was referred to as a "legalized gambling game."

This could lead one to picture a business or industry concerned only with such financial considerations as estimates, bids and profits.

I recently had an experience with a member of Turner Construction Co., that paints a different picture.

About forty years ago I worked for Turner on the construction of the Army Base in Brooklyn, N. Y. At that time, they issued a job publication. My picture appeared in one of the issues with other members of the field engineering department.

A few weeks ago, I called Turner and told my story to A. R. Le Faucheur, director of public relations, asking him if I could obtain a copy of that particular issue. I now have it.

It seems to me that if construction is a "legalized gambling game," in some cases it is a "humanized legalized gambling game."

HARRY EINBERG
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor's Note: Construction may be called by many names—but only by those with affection for it. Mr. Einberg is obviously one of those.

Oh, Pshaw!

Chief architect on the Chicago Exposition Hall is Alfred Shaw, not Alfred Saw as reported in ENR Dec. 18, 1958, p. 26.

For Your Calendar . . .

National Bituminous Concrete Association, 4th annual meeting, Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., Feb. 2-6.
American Society of Civil Engineers, Hotel Statler, Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 8-13.
Mason Contractors Association of America, ninth annual convention and 1959 show, Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 15-18.
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La., Feb. 15-19.
National Society of Professional Engineers, Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 18-21.
American Concrete Institute, Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 23-26.
National Council for Stream Improvement, Waldorf-Astoria, Astor Gallery, New York City, Feb. 23-25.
Second Annual Building Congress on Urban Renewal, National Housing Center, Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.
32nd Highway Engineering Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., Mar. 5-6.
American Society of Photogrammetry, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., Mar. 8-11.
American Railway Engineering Association, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill., Mar. 9-11.
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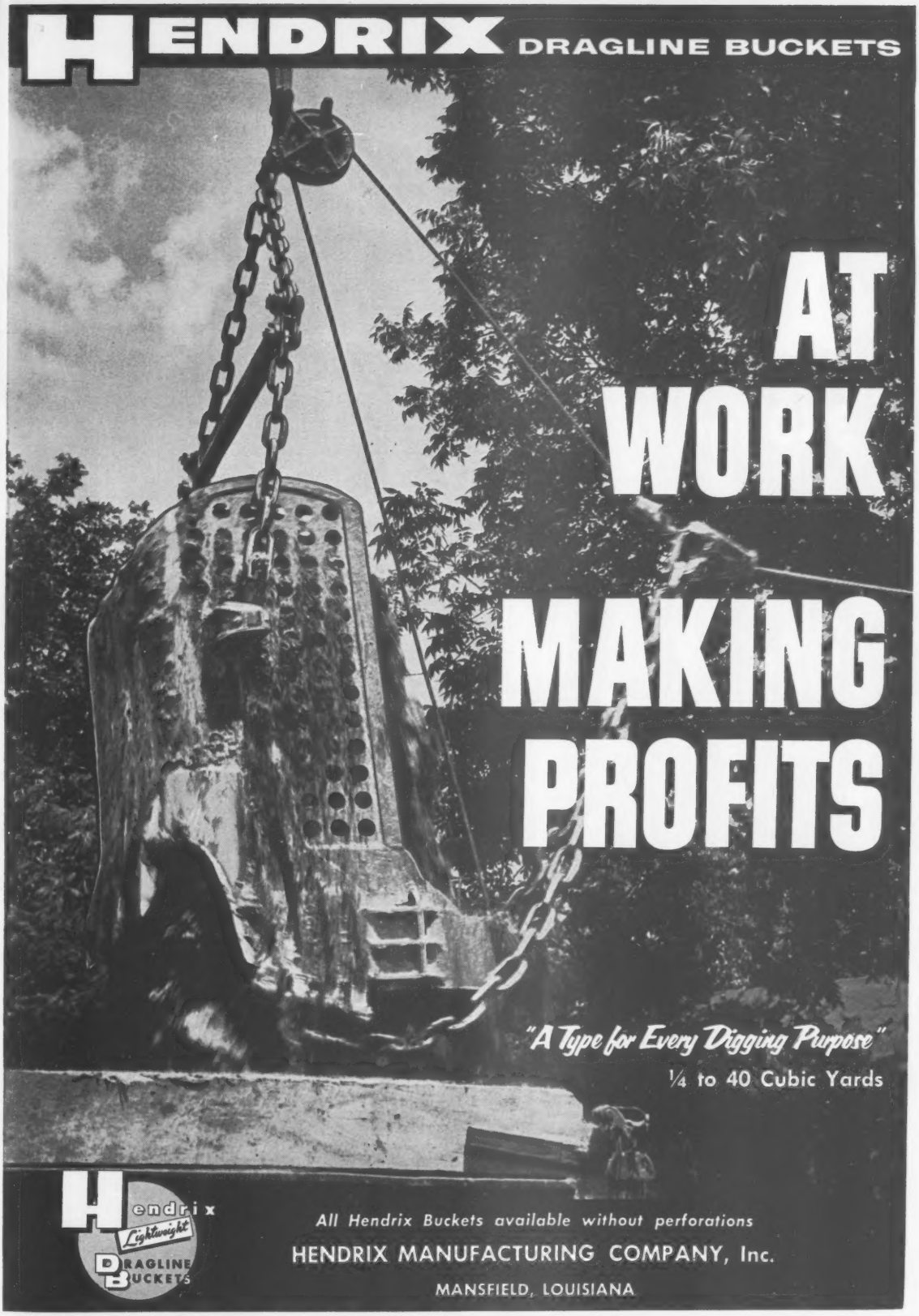

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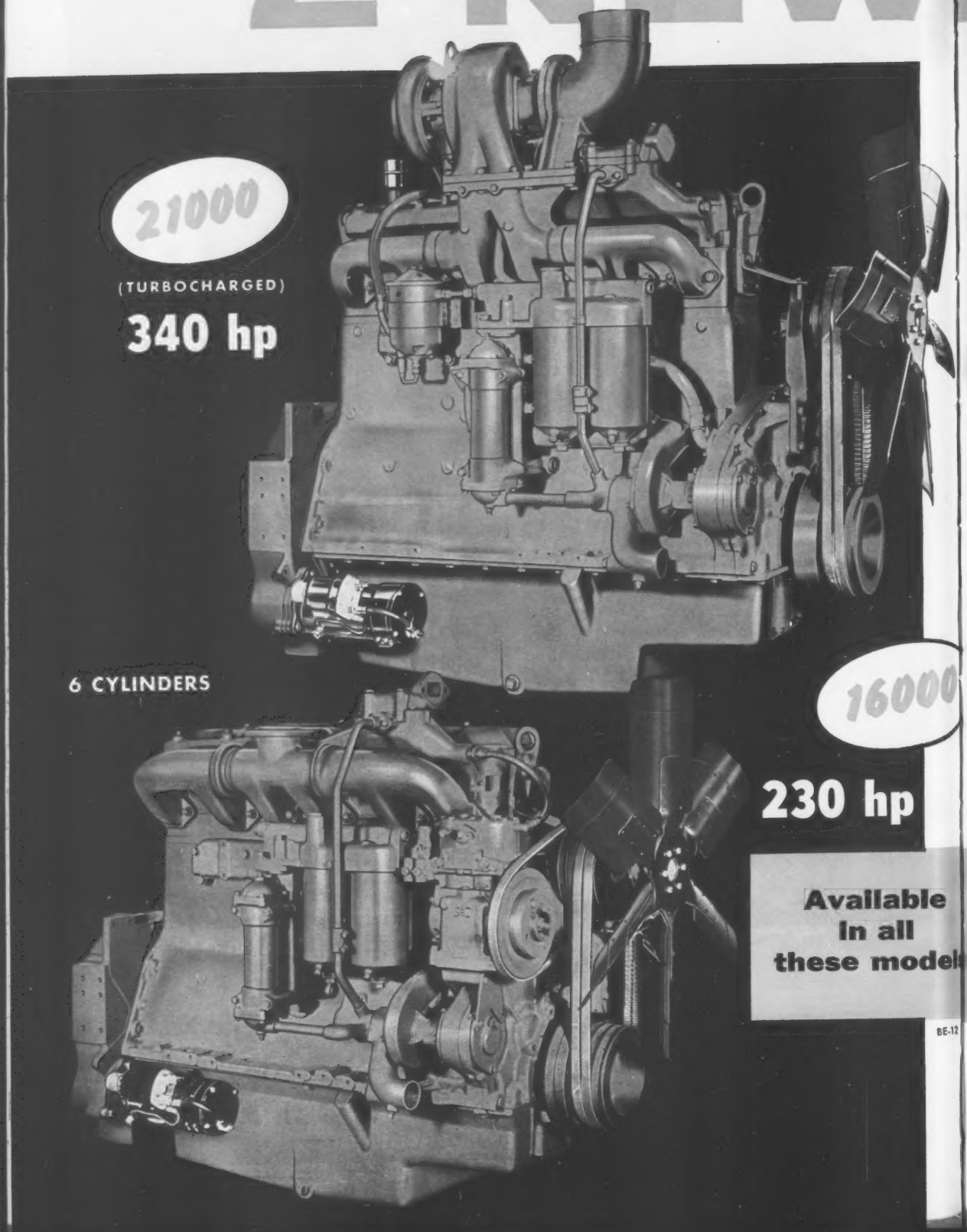
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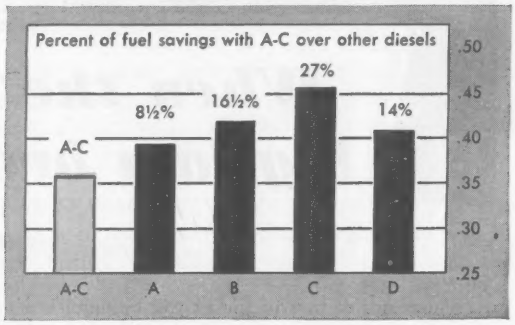

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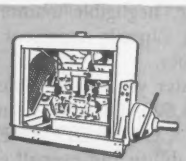
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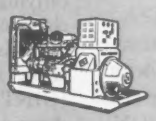
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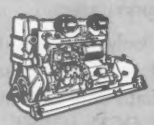
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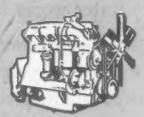
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THE CONSTRUCTION WEEK

COMPETITIVE A-POWER?—Westinghouse Electric Corp. wants to produce a huge nuclear power plant that stands a good chance of being economical to operate. The plant would be an advanced, pressurized-water reactor design with a 330,000-kw capacity.

FISHING: FOR PONTOONS—They're going to team up compressed air and hand-operated hoists to try raising those two 50x360-ft, concrete pontoons from the bottom of Seattle's Duwamish Waterway. The pontoons, intended for the Hood Canal floating bridge, sank last month (ENR Jan. 8, p. 25). Compressed air will be pumped into some of the pontoons' cells. Twenty-four 100-ton hoists will supply the lifting power. Salvage expert Fred Devine, of Portland, will supervise the rescue job.

FISHING: WITH PONTOONS—Divers will use pontoons to try raising Idaho Power Co.'s 100-ton "skimmer" fish trap from the bottom of the Snake River. It's apparently undamaged in 100 ft of water. The 68½-ft-long skimmer sank on the Oregon side of a fish net across the Brownlee Dam Reservoir. The $5-million system of nets, skimmer traps and pipeline is the first downstream fish-handling facility ever attempted (ENR Aug. 14, 1958, p. 46).

ADDING INSULT TO INJURY—In a strange aftermath to an unusual accident, a 525-ft grain ship came to rest atop the wreckage of a 200-ft lift bridge it knocked into the Buffalo River last week (see p. 24). Falling water level after the crash lowered the stern end of the vessel onto the tangled steel, making a tough job impossible for wreckers trying to clear the river. Owners of the ship are pumping out fuel and shifting cargo to lighten the trapped vessel.

TREAT SEWAGE AT ANY COST—New York State can now compel localities to build major sewage treatment facilities regardless of cost and regardless of the community's ability to pay. All the state need show is the need for pollution abatement, says the N. Y. Court of Appeals.

ASTM TO EXPAND—The American Society for Testing Materials will organize a Division on Materials Sciences to collect and publish basic information on behavior of materials. The new division will assist or coordinate with research activities under way in many ASTM committees.

WET WEEK IN ENGLAND, TOO—While storm-swollen rivers rampaged on the U.S. side of the Atlantic last week (p. 24), Britain's normally placid Thames was having a go too. Heavy rains raised the level four feet above normal and sent the stream coursing over large low-lying areas. Many families were marooned in riverside homes.

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WASHINGTON OBSERVER

- **Democrats rush big omnibus housing bill**
- **Federal order stirs up equipment fight**
- **New bill would aid public power groups**
- **Ike's bond retirement plan doomed?**

● **A new speed record toward passage of a multi-billion omnibus housing bill is being set by the Democrats.** They show every sign of fulfilling a promise to have the bill at the White House by March 1. It would provide mortgage insurance and subsidies for private housing, public housing, college housing, urban renewal and veterans housing.

Short cuts are being taken to eliminate the need for a stop-gap FHA bill, as Mr. Eisenhower wants. Purpose of the bill would be to permit FHA to end its rationing of mortgage commitments. But the Senate Banking Committee expects to have its bill on the floor by next week—and it could be passed by the end of the week. The House Banking Committee begins its hearings this week. The Veterans Affairs Committee (which handles the GI housing legislation) is now writing its section of the bill, too.

The Democrats are ignoring the President's housing bill, introduced last week by Indiana's Sen. Homer Capehart. Mr. Eisenhower's program calls for about the same outlays as the last budget—but would result in a tapering off of federal aids thereafter. The Democrats would guarantee expansion of federal aid to housing for a period of years.

There's some question whether Mr. Eisenhower will veto the Democratic bill. He has weakened his veto threat somewhat by saying he will look at the over-all impact of a law to see whether its total effect is more on the good side than on the bad. The Democrats are sure they can override a veto if it comes.

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● **Award of a $1.7-million government contract for hydro turbines has stirred up another furor over government policies.** The Corps of Engineers—at the direction of the White House—awarded the contract to Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Co., Eddystone. An English firm, English Electric Co., bid 19% lower than the American firm. The U. S. makers of heavy electrical equipment are pressuring the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization to cut all imports on the grounds that the domestic industry needs protection if it's to be available in the event of a national emergency.

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● **New legislation has been introduced to give public power groups a better break in winning Federal Power Commission licenses.** Chairman Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.), of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, and a group of Northwest Senators are behind the bill. It would revise FPC standards to give greater weight to basin-wide benefits of a given project, rather than more local benefits to the builder and his power customers.

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● **Mr. Eisenhower's proposal to retire Treasury bonds by giving holders FHA and VA mortgages isn't given much chance.** He wants to retire some of the Treasury debt. But the opposition points out that he'd be giving up government-held 4% paper to take in bonds that cost the government 2.75% interest. About $335 million of bonds would be involved.

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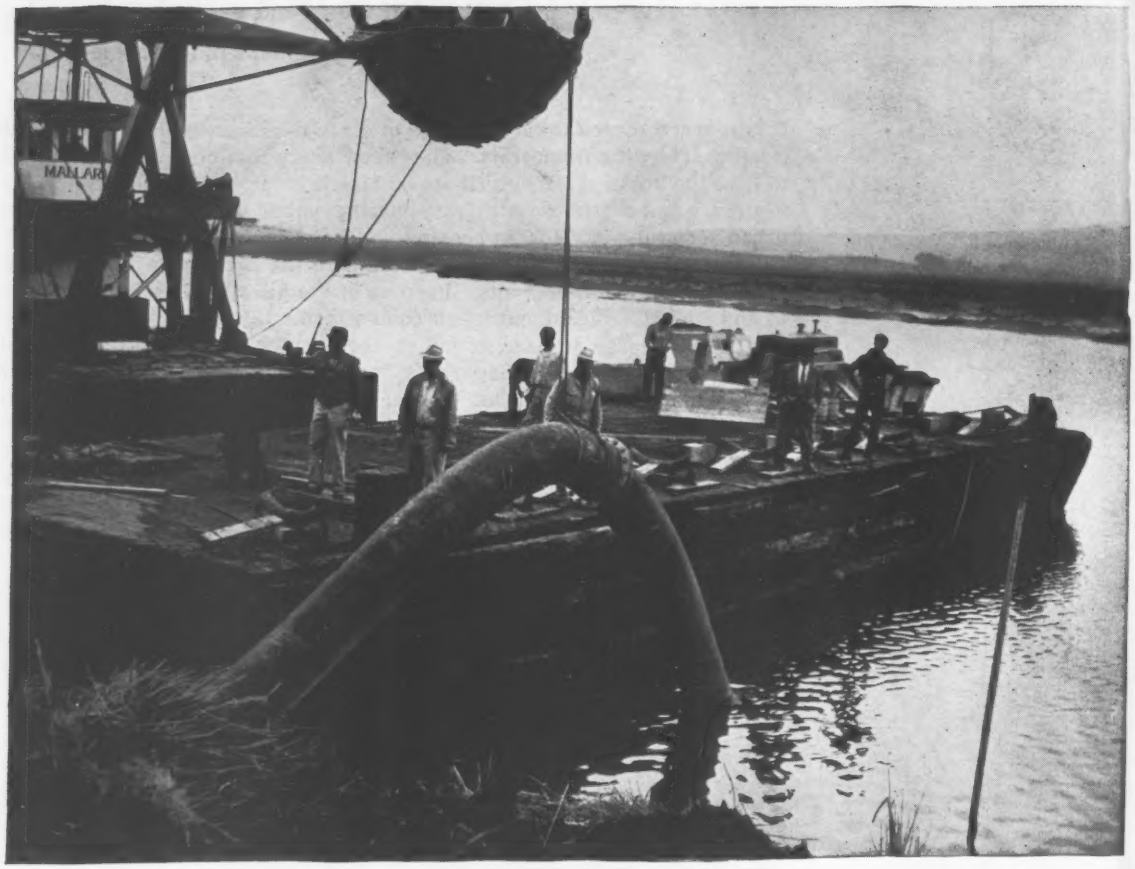

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Federal Aid Gets a Going-Over

- **In Miami Beach, federal aid for school construction was lambasted by the Associated General Contractors.**
- **In Dallas, there was a clamor for more U. S. funds for highways from the American Road Builders Association.**
- **In Chicago, the National Association of Home Builders split over what to ask from Uncle Sam. "More aid" won by six votes.**

If the federal government hasn't known what's on the construction industry's mind, it knows now.

The major constructors in the industry last week sounded off all at once—if not all in unison.

At three different conventions—Associated General Contractors, American Road Builders Association, National Association of Home Builders—they passed resolutions by the score: strong, weak, specific, general and contrasting, if not conflicting, resolutions.

Although the thinking of one part of the industry apparently does not always agree with the thinking of another section, there is no doubt what they were thinking about last week: the federal government's role in construction.

The general contractors discussed federal aid for school construction and decided they wanted none of it. Neither do they want to be considered small businesses eligible for the protective attentions of the Small Business Administration. Tough as competition is among them and among their subcontractors, they were saying, in effect, that they'll stick with the competitive bidding system. They like their industry the way it is, and they see SBA policies as incompatible with it.

The roadbuilders, of course, are in an area of construction where federal participation is established and accepted. They want more federal aid to make sure the national highway construction program goes ahead on schedule. And they're shouting loudly for it, because this is the session in which Congress should produce it.

The homebuilders this year seem able to take federal aid or leave it. They were an optimistic lot in Chicago last week, not seeming to care whose housing bill gets through Congress this session. They see a good construction year ahead with or without legislation.

Here's a rundown on events at each of the three meetings last week:

Contractors fear federal school aid, reports ENR's Ed Young.

Associated General Contractors last week condemned federal aid for school construction as unnecessary and uneconomic.

And it objected to "subsidization" of construction by the Small Business Administration.

The general contractors expressed concern over highway financing and airport financing, but they want no part of school construction financed by the federal government.

In a resolution of opposition, the contractors gave three principal reasons:

- Financing of school construction in this country has been, traditionally and constitutionally, the responsibility of the states and local communities.
- Use of federal funds for school construction is a step toward federal control of education.
- Federal controls would add to cost of school construction.

Behind the stated reasons there were a few others:

- There appears to be a strong belief among builders that states and municipalities are doing an adequate job.
- As taxpayers, builders dispute the something-for-nothing notion of federal aid, claim its administrative costs would use up funds that might otherwise go into construction.
- Members—particularly contractors from the South—fear federal influence on integration.

The "federal control" that contractors fear would boost construction costs refers to the Davis-Bacon Act. Its provisions on wages paid to construction labor does not apply to school construction now, and contractors hope they won't be applied later.

- **SBA rebuffed**—The federal government's Small Business Administration took double-barreled blasts from the contractors and a contracting agency.

SBA's Deputy Administrator Donald Hipkins explained his agency's right "to insure that a fair proportion of total government purchases and contracts . . . be placed with small business enterprises."

Reaction was bitter. Contractors maintain they are almost all small businessmen, and they don't want SBA meddling with their competitive system of bidding.

By SBA's own definition, a small business is one not dominant in its field and having an average annual income of $5 million or less over the past three years. This describes 90% of AGC members.

The Bureau of Yards and Docks' chief, Rear Admiral E. J. Peltier, supported the contractors' stand. He claimed that 97.5% of BuDocks' contracts, worth 91% of its construction dollars, go to "small businesses."

Admiral Peltier argued that SBA's "set aside" program isn't worth the effort in construction. (SBA takes a portion of government contracts out of competition for negotiated award to small operators.)

(*Turn the page*)

. . . Roadbuilders are worried about highway funds

• **Civil defense pushed**—Maj. Gen. E. C. Itschner, Chief of Army Engineers, outlined what it would take to clean up after a 10-megaton, surface nuclear blast in any big U. S. city.

First, he said, it would take 75,000 men a month to decontaminate an area 18 miles square. Then, it would take 1,200 power shovels, 1,200 draglines, 2,000 bulldozers, 1,000 trailers and 7,000 trucks to clean up the rubble.

In response, AGC announced plans for a nationwide network of disaster units, organized and composed of AGC members, but open to all contractors.

A few such units are already set for action. Contractors in them keep the local AGC office informed on the availability of equipment and personnel.

James W. Cawdrey, Seattle, Wash., was installed as the association's 1959 president, succeeding Fred W. Heldenfels, Jr., Texas highway contractor. John A. Volpe, Malden, Mass., was installed as vice president.

Arthur S. Horner, of Denver, Colo., was elected secretary-treasurer. Mr. Horner, an AGC past-president, succeeds William Muirhead, of Durham, N. C., another past-president, who had held the secretary-treasurer's post for 12 years.

Roadbuilders' theme song is "more US aid," reports ENR's Roland Carr.

It's now a familiar cry: more money, more Congressional authorizations for the nation's road program. You hear it louder and more frequently as the time nears when something has to be done.

For it won't be long before 1961 interstate road money should be apportioned to the states—and there may not be any money in the till.

The cry went up again at the 57th annual convention of the American Road Builders Association, in Dallas, last week.

Here's what the roadbuilders had staring them in the face:

Based on the latest official cost estimates, authorizations for the Interstate Highway System for 1962 through 1969—the year actual building should be finished—are shy of $10.2 billion.

By 1960, the Highway Trust Fund will be inadequate by $960 million. By 1963, the deficiency will be $5 billion.

Total income to the Trust Fund through 1972—its termination date—will be inadequate by about $12.6 billion.

No one wants to stretch out the building part of the program. To avoid the immediate and long-range havoc that the short-money situation would certainly wreak on the timetable, the ARBA urges Congress to:

- Revise federal authorizations as needed to reflect revised cost estimates.
- Completely suspend the "pay-as-you-go" Byrd amendment to permit bond financing for the trust fund.
- Suspend the termination date of the Highway Trust Fund.
- Provide—as an interim solution—immediate ways and means to finance the anticipated deficits in the trust fund from 1960 through 1963.
- Provide adequate revenue to support the Highway Trust Fund to the conclusion of the program, using a Bureau of Public Roads' economic study, to be completed in 1961, as a basis.

• **Congressmen answer**—Sen. Francis Case (R., N. J.), of the Senate Subcommittee on Roads, expressed confidence that federal roadbuilding funds will be forthcoming. "This may be done," he said, "by increasing the gas tax, securing funds from the general Treasury, permitting the Highway Trust Fund to go into the market and sell short- or long-term obligations to meet actual cash requirements, or extending and readjusting the authorized roadbuilding program."

• **ABC pushed too**—ARBA also turned its attention to the ABC road system. The roadbuilders called for increased authorizations for the primary and secondary systems and their urban extensions to maintain a reasonable balance with authorizations for the Interstate.

The association would like to see federal appropriations for this program increased in increments of $25 million annually until they reach $1 billion a year by 1964.

• **Other positions**—ARBA will also:

- Urge Congress to extend the federal-aid airport program for at least five years with an authorization to obligate $100 million.
- Resist imports of federally owned surplus equipment from foreign countries, and resist the use of federal funds to locate aggregates for roadbuilding.

• **Time and cost savers**—In his report ARBA President Julien R. Steelman said, "A year ago, we were still worried that the engineering capacity of the industry and the difficulty in securing qualified engineers might be a serious limiting factor in the rate with which the program could proceed. But this threat no longer exists, because of the many timesaving and engineer labor saving techniques and procedures adopted by the engineering divisions of many of the states."

Standardization in bridge building shapes up as a big dividend payer.

Some 375,000 highway bridges are needed throughout the U. S., according to H. A. Radzikowski, chief, Development Division, Bureau of Public Roads. Over 45,000 of these structures are on the Interstate Highway System; over 130,000 are on other federal-aid systems; and nearly 200,000 structures are off the federal-aid systems.

Total cost of the bridge program would be about $32 billion. Consequently, a saving of only 1% on the nation's bridge requirements would amount to $320 million.

BPR has 69 electronic computer programs for high-speed bridge calculations, said Mr. Radzikowski, and they are made available to the state highway departments. Forty-two state highway departments and an even larger number of consulting firms are now using electronic computers in bridge and other engineering work, he said.

In the field of bridge standardization, Mr. Radzikowski said a number of bridge components are being studied. These include expansion dam devices, curb dimensions, railings, wearing surfaces, drainage details and types of piers.

• **Temper savers**—In a panel discussion, Rex M. Whitton, of the Missouri State Highway Commission, challenged state highway departments "to assume the leading role in planning and financing highways in urban areas." He urged state highway officials to maintain strong public relations programs to promote understanding and instill confidence between individuals, communities, and the state highway department. Such action will make an urban highway project more acceptable to those affected by its location, he said.

• **New officers**—The new president of ARBA is Nello L. Teer, Jr., head of Nello L. Teer Co., Durham, N. C. (see p. 52 for more about Mr. Teer). He succeeds Julien R. Steelman, president of the Koehring Co., Milwaukee—ARBA's president for the past two years.

New vice president of the ARBA is J. P. Moss, of Moss-Thornton Construction Co., Leeds, Ala. Re-elected vice presidents are J. E. McCracken, Bethlehem Steel Co.; H. L. Plummer, Wis-

homebuilders are prosperous and confident

consin State Highway Commission, and W. A. Buggee, Washington State Department of Highways. J. N. Robertson, District of Columbia director of highways, was elected treasurer.

The George S. Bartlet Award for 1958 was presented to Rex M. Whitton, chief engineer, Missouri State Highway Commission. The award, made annually since 1931, is given for "outstanding contribution to highway progress."

Confident homebuilders still want US help, reports ENR's Bob Stinson.

Prosperous and confident, a large part of the homebuilding industry surged into Chicago—and promptly got into a debate about what to ask of Uncle Sam.

Upwards of 34,000 attended the annual convention of the National Association of Home Builders, which set a new record for size and a possible record for optimism.

Conversation of individual builders in corridors, hospitality rooms and meeting halls held to one obvious point and one big surprise:

- Obvious point: This year will be better than 1958.
- Surprise: Let's not spoil it by asking Congress to go overboard on new federal spending programs for housing.

The unexpected strength of the latter sentiment was apparent at the board of directors' climactic vote for more federal aid. Approximately 300 ballots were cast at this closed door session, and those favoring a slowdown in the government program reportedly came only about six votes shy of carrying the day.

Apparently, many builders are about ready to forego big federal-aid programs just to keep from rocking the boat.

Most of the builders were happy with their 1958 business. Admittedly it was helped by the special assistance program for low-cost housing, passed by Congress primarily as an anti-recession measure.

This item, known as Special Assistance Program Number 10, provided $1 billion from the Treasury to Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae). The funds were used for par-purchase of housing mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration and those guaranteed by the Veterans Administration. Purchases are limited to mortgages in the range of $13,500 or less.

• Veto a threat—But now many builders feel that any housing bill containing the same type of aid would meet with a Presidential veto. Conviction on this point, however, is not unanimous, and a sharp split over another Program 10 came during the board meeting. A fight developed over the inclusion of such a recommendation in the association's policy statement and legislative goals for the year.

Opposed to another assistance program were most of the association's past officers and professional staff. But for it was new-president Carl T. Mitnick, of Merchantville, N. J., whose words carried enough weight—and votes—to push the proposition through.

The statement itself does leave some room for compromise:

"Insistence on an unmarketable VA interest rate (4.75%) forces acceptance of proposals to correct recurrent instability in our industry by purchase of mortgages with federal funds."

Mr. Mitnick is more direct on this point. He says NAHB will definitely campaign for another $1 billion for Fannie Mae for purchase of VA and FHA mortgages.

However, something new is being added to this request. Last year, the special program was limited to mortgages of $13,500 or less, across-the-board. Now NAHB will request a special allowance for areas designated as high-cost. It will urge that the maximum allowable amount in those areas be at least $14,500.

Builders and NAHB officials opposed to this part of the association's policy say now is no time to ask for federal housing funds. They expect a good year, Congress and the Administration do too; so a request for funds probably wouldn't be well-received.

Many builders, however, apparently don't want to risk a veto. They are confident that even without housing legislation, they will do at least as well as they did in 1958. And for most, that was a good year.

Any housing legislation passed would make the market just that much better. Therefore, their desire is to get a bill acceptable to President Eisenhower.

According to builders, there is a powerful demand for housing. The public has the money to buy houses. And it is willing to spend savings and to assume mortgage debt.

For these reasons builders are planning to construct more houses than last year in all price categories. The largest increase, however, apparently will be in the $13,500 to $16,500 bracket. Several builders said they would abandon the $22,000 area to come into the $13,000 to $17,000 class.

• Return to low-cost homes—Many even said they would return to the low-cost field after having left it two or three years ago.

Although builders are not worried about being able to hit the mass, low-cost housing market, they are worried about their ability to obtain land for this housing. Their greatest problems stem from community opposition. All types of legal, zoning and building code obstacles are being placed in their path.

Among more common methods of blocking low-cost housing: boosting the minimum lot size; increasing the house's square foot requirements. Sometimes both blocks are thrown at the same time.

Some communities, builders report, have already succeeded in stopping construction of houses costing less than $16,000 to $17,000. They say the "disease is catching"; when one community takes up zoning steps, others eventually follow.

Generally, however, these problems will not interfere with builders' plans for the current year.

Close to their hearts now is the financing picture.

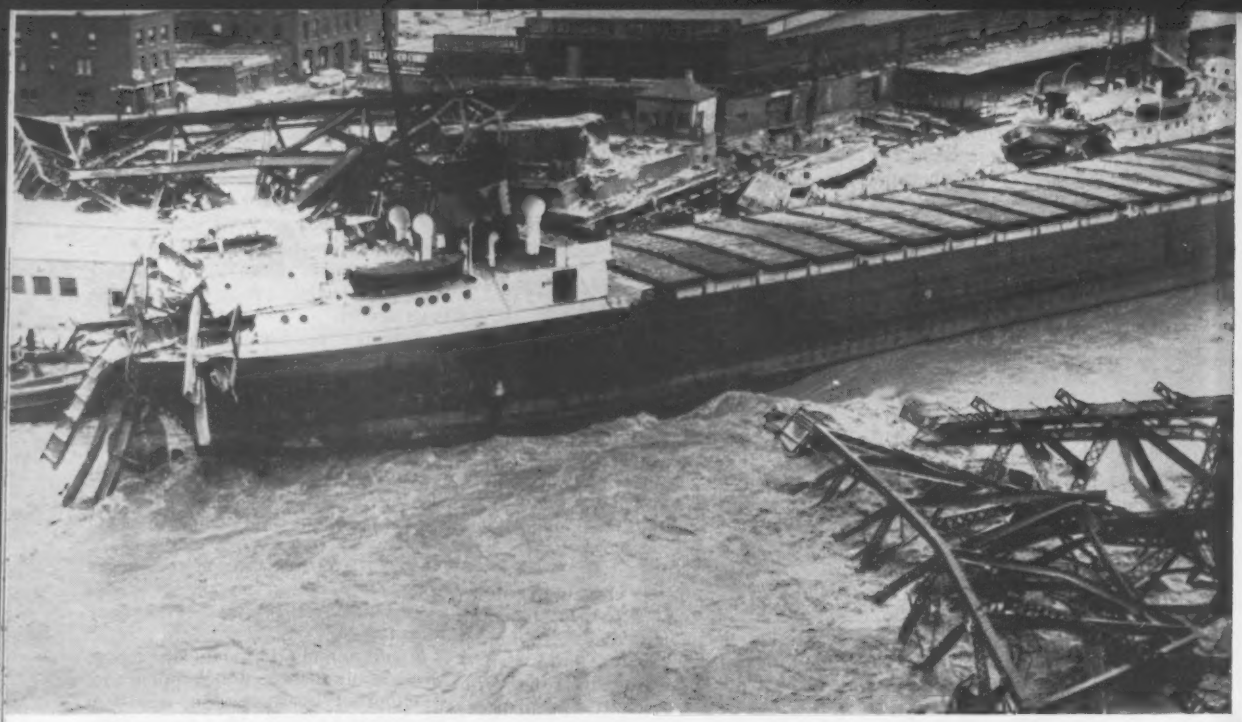
• Financing needs—NAHB will urge Congress to establish a central mortgage bank, operated as a government facility as an addition to the over-all monetary operation. It would have the power to:

- Buy mortgages.
- Make interim loans on the security of FHA and VA mortgages.
- Supplement operations of private pools of mortgage funds assembled through local and regional indentures trusts.
- Set the interest rate for FHA and VA mortgages.

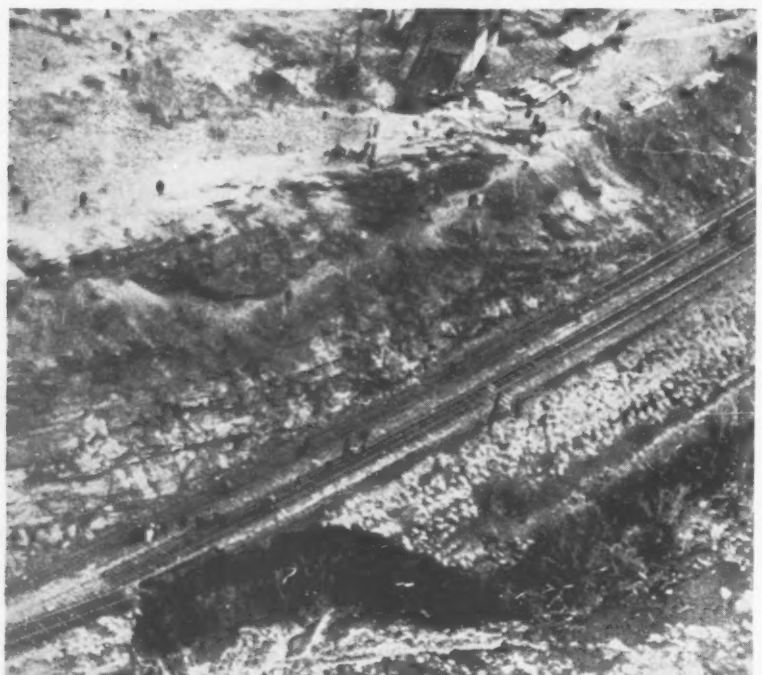
The association also wants an increase in the maximum allowable VA mortgage interest rate.

Mr. Mitnick says the VA rate should have parity with the FHA rate. He says that increasing the VA interest rate from its present 4¼% to 5½%, (the present FHA rate) would not penalize veterans who "would still be getting a break because they would not be paying the 15% insurance premium required on FHA mortgages." (This amount is added to the FHA base rate of 5½% for an effective cost to the home buyer of 5¾%.

NAHB is urging that control of the VA interest rate be removed from Congress and that it be administered by the agency, as is FHA's interest rate.



Ship battered down a lift bridge at Buffalo after fast flood-current set vessel adrift.



Susquehanna River sprang huge leak in Pennsylvania mines.

Storms

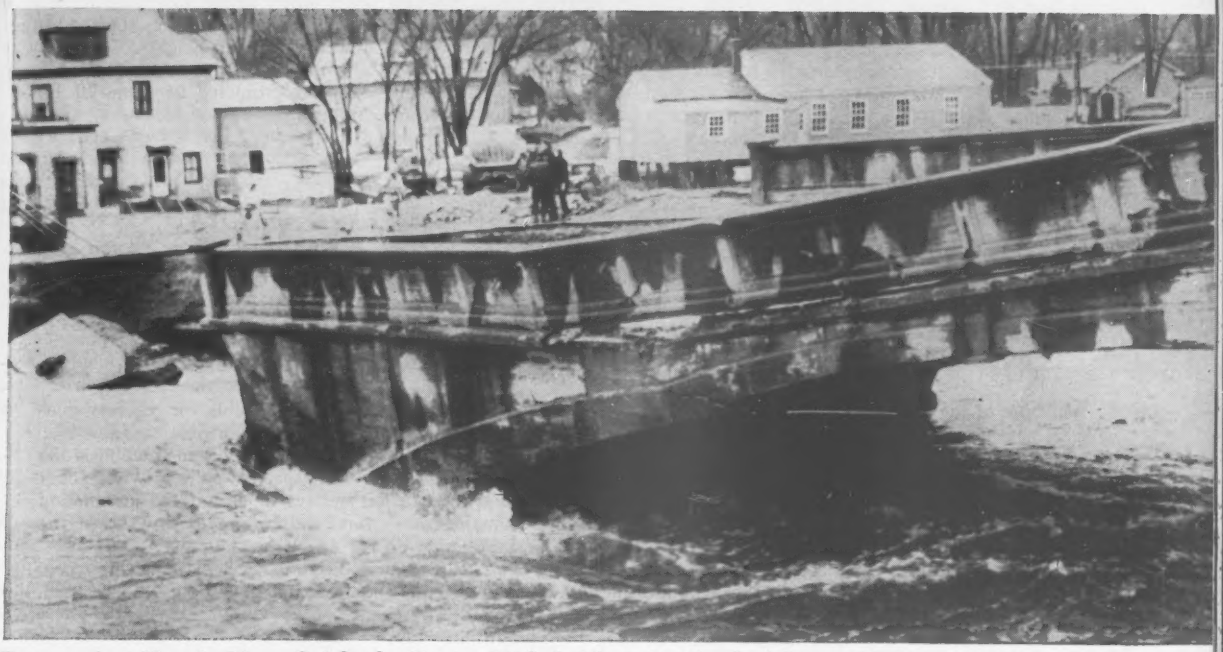
Wind, flood and ice left a trail of destruction through the East and Midwest last week.

Two ships adrift smashed a bridge in Buffalo. Gales and water wrecked two bridges in North Adams, Mass. Wind toppled two steel towers in Lexington, Ky. A dozen coal miners were missing in a water-breached shaft in Pennsylvania. Three highway bridges were washed out in Ohio. And thousands of people were forced out of flooded homes in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, New York and other states.

In Buffalo two grain ships broke loose from their moorings in the Buffalo River and demolished a 250-ft vertical-lift bridge. Two operators in a control booth at midspan failed in a last-minute attempt to raise the bridge clear. They had elevated the span 20 ft above its normal position (17 ft above water) when the impending crash forced them to jump from the span.

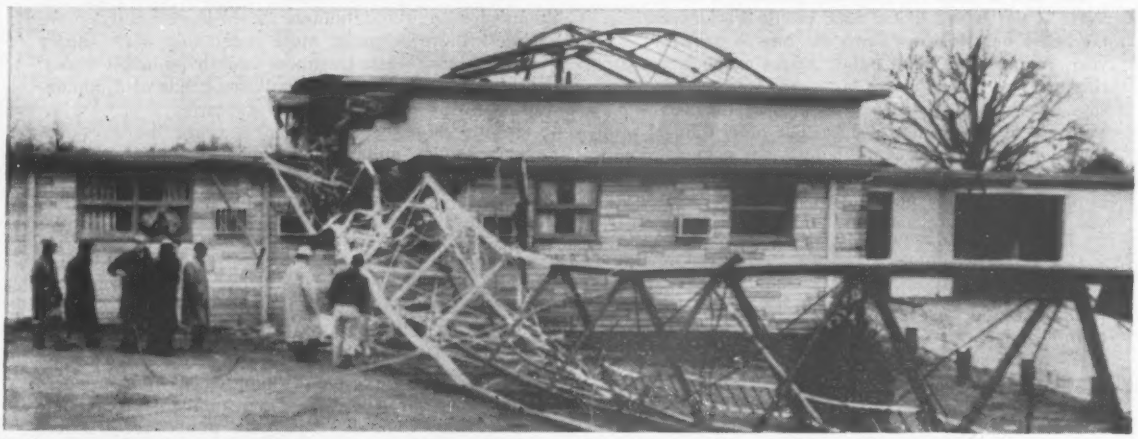
First of the ships to break loose, a 525-ft vessel, half-full of grain, drifted downstream and ripped loose the second, a 420-ft ship with a full cargo of corn. The second craft knocked the movable span into the water and wedged the first ship against the bank. Three minutes later, one of the bridge's 130-ft towers collapsed. Eigh hours later the second fell.

Ice piling up behind the bridge



Rampaging Hoosic River finished off two 80-ft bridges in North Adams, Mass.

Wreak Havoc in Several States



Gales wrecked two steel towers and one of them sliced into a Kentucky radio station.

wreckage is raising water levels upstream, endangering other bridges in the city. Buffalo Creek Railroad ran a train of loaded coal cars out on one of the firm's steel deck-girder bridges to weight it down against the flood.

Demolition crews with torches and cranes are struggling to remove the wreckage. The city also has a wrecking crew breaking up ice packs.

In North Adams, Mass., high water and ice beat bridge-wrecking crews to two jobs. The storm-swollen Hoosic River took out an 80-ft concrete-arch bridge and an 80-ft steel-truss bridge.

Army Engineers have finished about two-thirds of a 10-year, $18.5-million fight against the Hoosic in North Adams, including a super-elevated, high-velocity floodway, stilling basins, and a low-velocity floodway. A single bridge replacing the two washed-out spans is almost complete.

In Port Griffith, Pa., flood waters washed a hole in a coal-mine tunnel under the Susquehanna River and trapped 12 men. Flow was almost stemmed by Monday—with more than $2 million worth of railroad cars, equipment and material dumped in the hole.

In Lexington, Ky., two steel towers toppled in a high wind. One tower was a 300-ft-high short-wave radio transmitter of the Kentucky Highway Department; the other was a nearby 67-ft transmitter for Station WLEX-TV.

The TV tower fell across the one-story broadcasting studio, cutting it in half. A receptionist was killed and two

other persons were injured. Damage is estimated at about $500,000.

The radio transmitter was a 14-year-old, four-leg, free-standing tower. Square in cross section, it tapered almost to a point at the top.

The TV transmitter, about 100 ft away, was a 4-year-old, three-leg, guyed tower. Reported to have been designed to withstand winds up to 125 mph, it was secured by 15 guys arranged in three groups of five each. Steel wires in each group shared the same anchorage at ground level but were attached to the tower at different heights.

Wind velocity at the time the towers fell was estimated at from 70 to 80 mph.

Whither Public Works?

Despite the fuss and feathers, the President and the Democrats foresee expanding public works—they differ on what is a desirable growth rate

A picture of the nation bursting at the seams—pressing for new growth in practically every type of public construction—emerges from the battle of the budget in Washington.

Partisan feuds grab the headlines. But underneath is a broad agreement between President Eisenhower and the Democrats in control of Congress.

Both say the nation is growing and that public spending for construction must also grow—for years into the future, with no end in sight.

The quarrel is over how fast this growth should be.

"Let's take a breather," the President is saying.

"Now is no time for a breather," Democrats reply. They cite Russia's growth rate, which is exceeding our own. They cite sticky unemployment despite the business rise out of the recession. They press for quick action to supply new facilities that the President says must be postponed in the interests of a balanced budget.

But look at what the President actually is doing.

He is not trying to cut total public works spending. He hopes only to slow down the rate of growth. This year, for example, civil public works expenditures are running $1.4 billion above last year. In fiscal 1960, he says, the growth should be only half as much.

President Eisenhower also has one other quarrel with the Democrats. He says the federal government should force the states and localities to assume more of the burden of financing public works that now get federal aid. This argument has been going on ever since Mr. Eisenhower has been in office; but the federal share of federal-state programs has continued to rise.

Behind the budget maneuvers by both the President and the Democrats are two basic facts, both of long-term significance to the construction industry:

- **Federal spending is on a long-term rise.** The most President Eisenhower is shooting for is a temporary dip below the current level of more than $80 billion a year. After a breather, he sees the rise resuming—caused chiefly by the pressure of public construction needs.
- **The old idea of using public works as a major weapon against swings of the business cycle is practically dead.** A "basic need" philosophy is taking its place.

The new idea is to plan public needs on a steady, continuing basis and then provide the necessary money no matter what business in general is doing.

In the President's economic report to Congress he points to the futility of trying to rush new public works projects into being as a means of combatting a recession. He refers in particular to how the economy climbed out of the recession last year.

Housing, he stresses, was the most effective anti-recession weapon. It was impossible for big new construction projects to be launched in time to help.

But more important right now to construction is the reverse side of the "basic needs" policy. What about cutting construction outlays in periods when inflation is a major worry, and thus trying to slow down the business cycle on the up-swings?

To this President Eisenhower is also saying "no," despite his conviction that inflation is our greatest peril.

Slow down—yes.

Cut back—no.

Thus the great public works underpinning of the construction industry is gaining a new stability, and a new importance in long-term planning.

"Planning has become an indispensable feature of living in this complex age," President Eisenhower recently told the Association of State Planning and Development Agencies.

"Just to keep our present standard of living," he pointed out, "we continuously need more houses, more schools, more hospitals, more streets and water supply systems, more waste treatment and air pollution works, more parks." All this to supply the needs of a population growing by three million a year.

In the State of the Union Message the President spoke of a 190-million population in a few years.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, Democratic leader in the Senate, in a speech outlining the nation's needs, referred to a 200-million population and a trillion-dollar economy—both coming soon.

The great need, both men say, is for a sensible measuring of future requirements. Both call for studies to be conducted by experts from civilian life, looking five and ten years ahead. Both talk about setting new national goals to guide the growth they see ahead.

Both studies are in the planning phase—the President is planning one, the Democrats another. Each study will quickly come to grips with public construction, and each will stress the "basic needs" approach.

The disagreement will be over rates of growth.

President Eisenhower will continue to argue that growth can be so fast as to be harmful in the long run.

Democrats will argue that we must accelerate or risk becoming a second-class power. They will be willing to risk inflation to avoid what they call greater dangers.

In this basic issue, construction will play a vital role.

The sums appropriated for public works, and the speed with which projects are pushed, will each year become major areas of political conflict.

It is the major economic issue splitting the parties in Washington today. And by every sign, it will continue to be a major issue into the indefinite future.

New School Code

Illinois locks barn door; adds safety requirements

Illinois has made changes in its fire code for schools that will mean at least one or two alterations in most of the state's schools and extensive changes in some older buildings.

The code was revised under pressure after the tragic Chicago school fire. It requires the following in every existing school building:

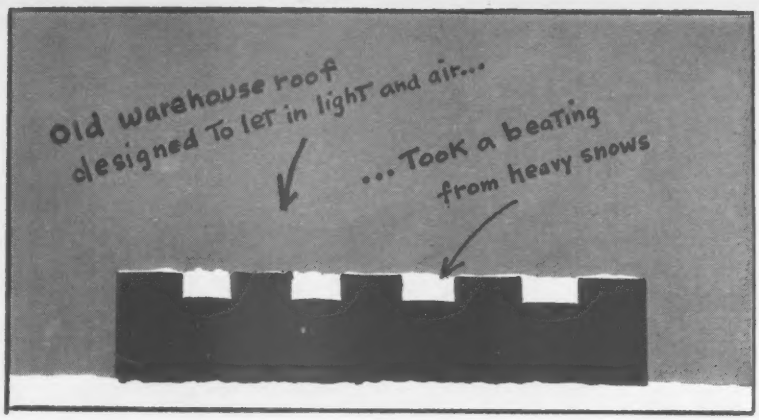
- A standard fire alarm system by next December.
- Completely enclosed stairwells that are sealed off with one-hour fire-resistant material.
- Noncombustible acoustical materials. (This outlaws wood fiber acoustical materials, formerly permitted.)
- Walls and partitions with a one-hour fire rating.
- Adequate exit signs, fire escape signs and directional signals. (Electrical signs must operate on an electrical circuit separate from other lighting.)
- Noncombustible, two-hour, fire-resistant floors over basements; first floor ceilings of mineral acoustical tile backed by noncombustible materials if ceilings are suspended; upper story flooring with a one-hour fire rating.
- Furnace rooms separated from other rooms by fire doors and equipped with fire-resistant walls and ceilings.
- Self-closing exit doors that open outward (excepting boiler room doors, which must open inward).

In addition, automatic sprinkler systems "shall be installed in every school building which has a fire area, a type of construction or occupancy which makes such installation necessary." Since the state has no architectural codes for schools, it is up to the fire marshal to decide whether schools require sprinklers. One official estimates under 1% of the schools will have to install them.

Some confusion exists as to what areas will come under the new code's jurisdiction. Deputy Fire Marshal J. W. McFarland said he thought the code could be made retroactive to existing structures without new legislation, because the fire marshal is empowered to correct any violations.

However, Joseph D. Bibb, state public safety director, says the revised code will be mandatory for construction of new schools in unincorporated areas of the state—but not for new buildings in incorporated areas and not for existing structures.

Chicago, meanwhile, has set out to make its schools safer with or without confirmation of the state code. The City Council passed three fire safety ordinances, the first of several that will overhaul the city's fire code.



U.S. Pays $1-Million Repair Bill

The U. S. government has just spent over a million dollars repairing a Buffalo, N. Y., warehouse built in 1916 and used now by the General Services Administration. Roof repairs and modifications because of snow-load damage came to $3.10 per sq ft.

Over the years, steps of the warehouse's "monitor" roof became snow traps.

Last winter proved too much. In several sections, some 500-ton loads of trapped snow snapped 12 x 12-in. beams of the old wood roof frame and threatened to collapse the sprawling, 27-acre warehouse. Temporary supports held up the roof until this fall.

Government engineers inspected the roof and made a repair allocation. The job was let to John W. Cowper Co., Buffalo, and work finally got under way in September, 1958.

Pushing, the contractor finished the job by December 15. The project involved framing across 362,500 sq ft of the monitor bays, building a second flat roof over the original one, and strengthening and replacing damaged framing in the structure.

Originally built by Curtiss Aircraft Co., during World War I, the warehouse has changed hands several times over the years, passing in and out of government control. Bell Aircraft used it through World War II.

GSA has talked about replacing it but isn't considering the move now—too expensive.

Oil Money May Pay Water Bill

California's new governor last week presented the state legislature with a sweeping $658-million water plan.

It's time to "start moving dirt and stop throwing mud," Gov. Edmund G. Brown told the lawmakers. He called for setting aside the "narrow, sectional differences" that have balked progress towards solution of the state's critical water problems.

A lawyer himself and formerly state attorney general, the governor later said, "It's time to take water development out of the hands of lawyers and put it in the hands of engineers. . . .

"I know engineers can build water works. I know lawyers can delay things."

The governor pointed out that lawyers have been trying for eight years to reach a north-south agreement on water rights questions, declared he didn't want to delay the water program further while lawyers fight over a constitutional amendment.

Governor Brown proposed:

- Immediate appropriation of $38 million from a state fund built up from tideland oil revenues.
- Commitment of the entire fund to water development. (The fund will reach $158 million by mid-year.)
- Authorization in 1960 of a $500-million general obligation bond issue to complete the program.
- Additional appropriations later in the session for projects now under study.

The governor said he did not believe a constitutional amendment on water rights was necessary.

"I am not hostile to an amendment, and I am not closing the door on one," the governor said. "But I am convinced that our positive program of water development should not be delayed by further frustrating debate over the terms of a constitutional amendment."

He outlined no formula on water rights. "As long as the legislature guides our water development, we can be certain that the system will be completed and administered in fairness and equity," he said.

Anchorage Getting Two Big Ones

The Alaskan building construction boom isn't coming—it's here.

Two 11-story buildings—one a hotel, the other an office building—will be started this spring in downtown Anchorage.

Expected to cost $10 million, the pair of buildings will provide 200 hotel rooms and 130,000 sq ft of office space. The ground level, with an arcade joining the two buildings, will have 45,000 sq ft for stores and restaurants. Basement and subbasement parking areas will hold 300 autos.

Most of the city's present hotels are wood frame; all have less than 100 rooms.

The new buildings will be steel frame construction on a 140 x 460 ft site. Year-around air conditioning is included in the plans (it gets hot in Alaska too); windows will be double-paned insulating glass. Exterior walls will be panel units of white and gold anodized aluminum.

Michael T. Halbouty, of Houston, and Walter J. Hickel, of Anchorage, are the developers (ENR Dec. 11, 1958, p. 115). The architect-engineer is Hedrick & Stanley, of Houston, in association with Edwin Crittenden, of Anchorage.

There has been little major commercial construction in Anchorage during the last 10 years. Largest office buildings are under 40,000 sq ft and usually only two or three stories high.

Now, Anchorage and Fairbanks architects are swamped with work.

Other Anchorage projects planned include a $700,000 medical-dental clinic and consolidation of two existing hotels, plus additions, into an almost new, block-large building that will provide 600 rooms.

A federal building, state mental hospital and cooperative apartment building are also in the planning stages.

In Fairbanks, an $800,000 co-op apartment house is planned. Due for completion this year are a $500,000 bakery, a $200,000 indoor swimming pool, a new school and a shopping center.

Canada Builders See Big Year

Another boom year for Canada's construction industry was predicted last week at a meeting of the Canadian Construction Association in Montreal.

H. J. Ball, retiring president of CCA, estimated 1959 construction volume will amount to about $7.5 billion, twice the peak year of World War II.

Mr. Ball advised CCA members to expect intensified competition and keener prices during the coming year.

A large part of the 1959 volume will come from housing. More than 150,000 starts are expected this year. About half of them will be built with some type of federal help.

Maj. Gen. Hugh A. Young, deputy minister of the federal government's Department of Public Works, which works closely with CCA, was one of the principal speakers.

General Young said $150 million would be spent on "roads to resources" as a means of opening up Canada's northern areas.

Winter construction was advocated in many speeches as a way of leveling out seasonal unemployment.

The Federal Department of Public Works will do 30% more work this winter than was done during the winter two years ago, said General Young.

Eric Harrington, President of Anglin Norcross Ltd., general contractors of Montreal, was elected president of CCA. Mr. Harrington's father, Conrad Harrington, held the same office in the association 20 years ago.

Aluminum Bridges

New York highway to get two for grade separations

Fabrication of two riveted and bolted aluminum highway bridges for New York's Long Island Expressway was subcontracted last week to Pullman-Standand Car Manufacturing Co.

The bridges will carry the expressway over the Jericho Turnpike in Nassau County. One will be 76 ft long and 128 ft wide; the other will be 76x135 ft.

Girders and diaphragms are to be individually fabricated at the shop and assembled at the bridge site. The general contractor will erect the bridges.

The 78½-ft-long girders are to be made up of aluminum plate webs and extruded aluminum flanges. Angles for the lower flanges are believed to be record-size lengths of heavy press aluminum extrusions for nonmilitary U.S. use. They measure 8x7 in., are a maximum 1¼ in. thick and weigh 18.7 lb per lin ft. Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Sales, Inc., will supply them.

The two bridges are part of a $4.4-million general contract for 2.2 miles of expressway held by Hendrickson Bros., Inc., Valley Stream, N. Y. Engineer for the project is Andrews & Clark, New York City. Builder is the New York State Department of Public Works.

Traffic on Chicago Road Really Gets Hung Up

The unique divider system on Chicago's Lake Shore Drive put some 150 motorists in a unique position last week—they were suspended.

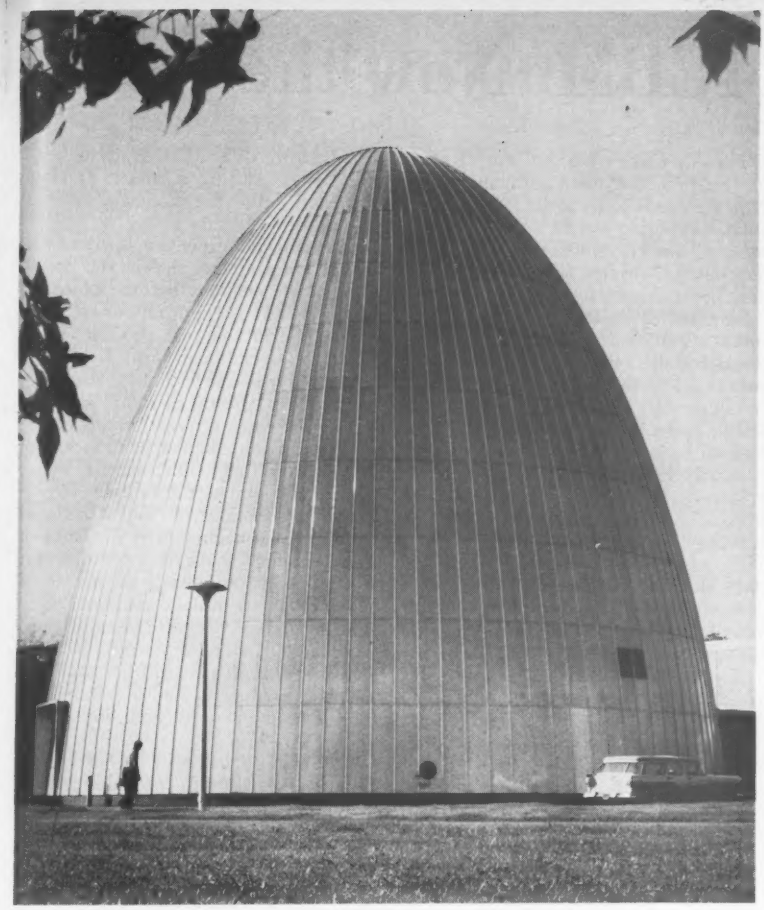
The dividers rise hydraulically to separate north and southbound lanes. But last week, in the midst of a furious snowstorm, they not only rose hydraulically, they rose unexpectedly.

Motorists either ignored or were unable to see the warning lights (placed at intervals along the strip where the dividers rise).

At any rate, 150 of them were hopelessly hung up atop the dividers—also hung up was all traffic on the drive in one of the Windy City's worst traffic foulups.

The incident may mark the beginning of the end for the divider system. It has required a lot of repair because of leaks in the hydraulic mechanism and trouble with the jacks.

The system is in operation for a two-mile stretch on the north leg of Lake Shore Drive. It was conceived and installed in 1940 by Park District engineers. The city assumed control of Lake Shore Drive in a consolidation with the Park District. A crew of six men tends the dividers.



Vacuum shell covers world's largest private research reactor.

'Swimming pool' houses the fuel.

It's a Beehive of Atomic Research

The world's largest privately owned research reactor went into operation last week in Plainsboro, N. J., site of a $4.5-million research center.

Industrial Reactor Laboratories, Inc. —a combination of 10 companies, all from different fields—built the center on a 300-acre site.

The center includes five main structures: the reactor, a laboratory and office building, underground pump house, a service building, and cooling towers for the water and air conditioning systems.

The reactor is housed in what looks like a beehive—an aluminum-sheathed, 87-ft-high concrete dome.

The dome is constructed of 8- and 12-in.-thick concrete walls in the lower portion and 3-in.-thick sprayed concrete in the upper part. Outside, it's enveloped with roofing felt, glass-fiber board, and 16-gage aluminum.

A slight vacuum is maintained inside the dome by a pumping system to prevent loss of active material in case of an accident.

The reactor is a swimming-pool type with 5-million-watt capacity. The core fuel consists of 40 elements, each with 18 plates, totaling about 4.5 kg of enriched uranium.

The 30-ft-deep pool has walls 1½ to 10 ft thick. The bottom 15 ft of the walls are heavy-aggregate, 2,500-psi concrete weighing 235 lb per cu ft. (Magnetite is the aggregate for this concrete.) Upper pool walls are regular 2,500 psi concrete. The pool holds 136,000 gal of demineralized water, which acts as a moderator, cooler and shield.

Control room and operating console are at the 30-ft level, just over the pool. At the 60-ft level is a 12-ton-capacity crane spanning 64 ft across the dome. It has a 360-deg travel on a circular rail.

Experiments are carried out at the base of the reactor through ports that open into tubes. The tubes extend through the water within various distances of the core. A dry chamber is provided with an 16-ton steel and lead door.

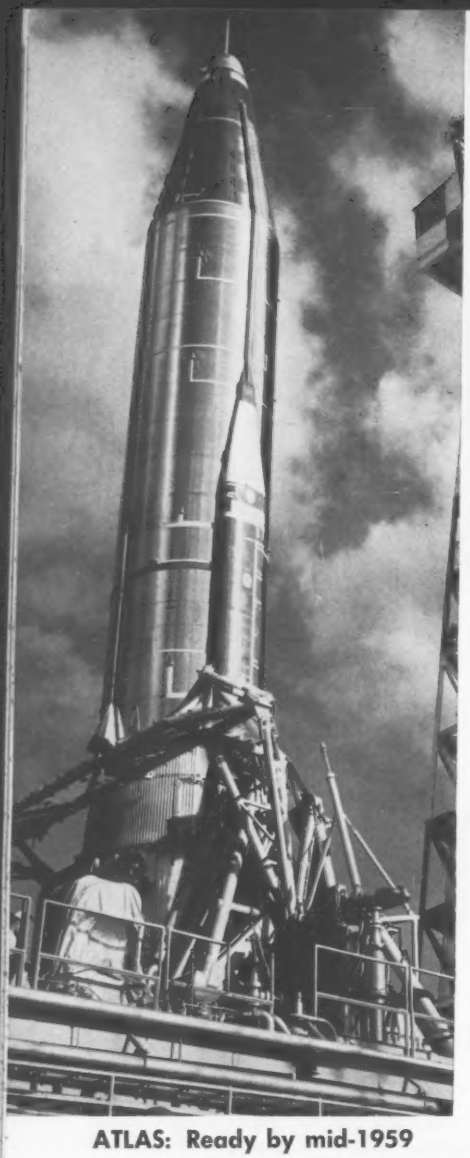
Three "hot cells" are built into the lab. Experiments are conducted inside these chambers by remote-control manipulators. The operator looks through 3-ft-thick leaded-glass windows to see what his "hands" are doing.

American Machine & Foundry Co. was prime contractor and designed the reactor. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill is the architect. The structural engineer is Severud, Elstad & Krueger. Turner Construction Co. was the general contractor. All are New York City firms.

The 10 companies making up Industrial Reactor Laboratories are American Machine and Foundry Co., American Tobacco Co., Atlas Powder Co., Continental Can Co., Corning Glass Works, National Distilleries & Chemical Corp., National Lead Co., Radio Corp. of America, Socony Mobil Oil Co., Inc., and U. S. Rubber Co.

A permanent staff of 30 to 40 scientists and technicians operate the center. The companies also maintain individual laboratories.

ICBM: Now the Accent Is



ATLAS: Ready by mid-1959

The Air Force's big program of base construction for intercontinental ballistic missiles is going to get even bigger. Each succeeding missile requires more complex base construction; and the missiles become obsolete almost as soon as they become operational.

The first of six ICBM bases will become operational this year and additional installations are expected to be authorized by the end of the year.

Vandenberg Air Force Base, Lompoc, Calif., probably will be the first Atlas base to be ready for use. Vandenberg (formerly Cooke AFB) has been under construction since June, 1957 (ENR Feb. 27, 1958, p. 30) and costs are running to $60 million so far.

In addition to being an operational Atlas ICBM site, Vandenberg is also designed as an IRBM–ICBM training installation and as a launching site for military and scientific probes.

Five other ICBM bases are under construction or authorized: Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; Offutt AFB, Neb.; Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Forbes AFB, Kan.; and Lowry AFB, Colo.

Forbes and Lowry probably will be designed to launch the Titan ICBM. This missile is more advanced in terms of range, guidance and thermonuclear payload than the Atlas. But it is more than two years away from operational status. Plans call for construction of only two more Titan bases in addition to Forbes and Lowry. No more than five more Atlas ICBM bases are scheduled to be built.

In all, 13 ICBM bases, each supporting a 10-missile squadron, are now planned. There are reports that the Department of Defense is campaigning to increase the U.S. ICBM strength to nine Atlas squadrons and 11 Titan squadrons. But the Pentagon refuses to confirm the rumors.

A striking and expensive aspect of the ballistic missile program is the speed with which weapons become obsolete. The Atlas will not be ready for use until the middle of the year and the Titan won't be operational until late 1960 or early 1961. Nevertheless, their obsolescence is already in sight.

The Air Force is now thinking of the solid-fuel Minuteman, a weapon hardly off the drafting table, as its major strategic weapon of the future.

But production of the Atlas and Titan must continue. The demands of world strategy make it impossible for the U. S. to put off its missile armament program until the current "ideal weapon" is ready for the assembly line.

Because it will be powered by solid fuel, the Minuteman will be easier and cheaper to operate and produce than the liquid-fuel Atlas and Titan missiles.

The Minuteman will be "as easy to launch as a Fourth of July rocket." The solid fuel eliminates the lengthy and dangerous fueling-up that precedes the firing of the Atlas and the Titan.

In addition, the Minuteman will have a faster response time and about the same range, approximately 6,300 miles.

Scattered launching sites for the 60-ft Minuteman are being planned. But the missile won't be operational for four years. Construction awards for these sites are still some time away.

The missile projects are reshaping the over-all military construction program

Here's a Count Down on the

Only two of the six authorized ICBM bases are near completion, Vandenberg AFB and Warren AFB. Construction of the others is in early stages or not begun. Here's the picture:

• **Vandenberg AFB, Lompoc, Calif.** Total value of contracts awarded so far is $60 million. Ultimate cost will be about $100 million. Work was begun in June, 1957 and will be completed in mid-1959.

• **Francis E. Warren AFB, Cheyenne, Wyo.** More than $51 million has been authorized to date for construction. Entire project may cost $65 million. Some $20 million worth of contracts will be awarded this year. The base will go into partial use next year.

• **Lowry AFB, Denver, Colo.** Funds authorized to date amount to $1.5 million. Final cost will be some $85 million. Contracts for 1959

Is on Construction

in terms of dollar allocation. As the rate of other military construction spending drops, the missile's share of the military construction dollar will rise.

Of the $2 billion allocated for military construction in the current fiscal year, about one-third—roughly $660 million—is going into missile base construction, according to a Pentagon construction official. In fiscal year 1960, which begins July 1, military construction spending will drop to about $1.7 billion. But the missile portion will rise to about 40% of the total, some $680 million.

Minuteman bases will accentuate a military trend toward higher-cost facilities to support lower-cost weapons.

It used to be axiomatic that a weapon cost far more than the facility that supported it. A wing of B-47 medium-range bombers, for example, might demand an expenditure of $160 million for the airplanes and only $30 million for the field at which they were based.

Ballistic missiles are reversing the situation. The facility costs more than the weapon. The cost ratio is almost the opposite of what was considered the rule for piloted aircraft.

Bases for the liquid propellant Atlas and Titan missiles will cost as much as $100 million.

These installations include concrete launching stands, equipment for fuel-storage and loading, launching control stations, guidance control stations, a power plant, a water-pumping plant and a missile assembly building. Unit production cost of the 4-ton Atlas will run to about $1 million, not counting costly ground support apparatus.

While most of the Atlas and Titan sites will be "soft" bases (built above the ground), the Minuteman installations will be "hard" (below ground). As a result, the savings in fuel storage and handling facilities will be offset by the added cost for underground building. Minuteman sites probably will cost more to build.

For the most part, construction of the Army's bases for Nike anti-aircraft rockets has been completed. Well over 70 installations have been built around the U. S. since 1953.

Some of the Nike bases are being modified to handle the more advanced Nike-Hercules anti-aircraft defense missile. But construction costs for this activity are minor.

The Army is developing the Nike-Zeus anti-missile missile, which could set off a new billion-dollar round of base construction. But this weapon is still several years from operation status.

The Air Force plans no further construction of bases for the Snark intercontinental missile, essentially a pilotless bomber. One base is being built at Presque Isle, Maine. The Air Force is also setting up sites for launching the jet-powered Bomarc anti-aircraft missile at existing bases—McGuire AFB, N. J., Suffolk County AFB, N. Y., Otis AFB, Mass., and Dow AFB, Maine.

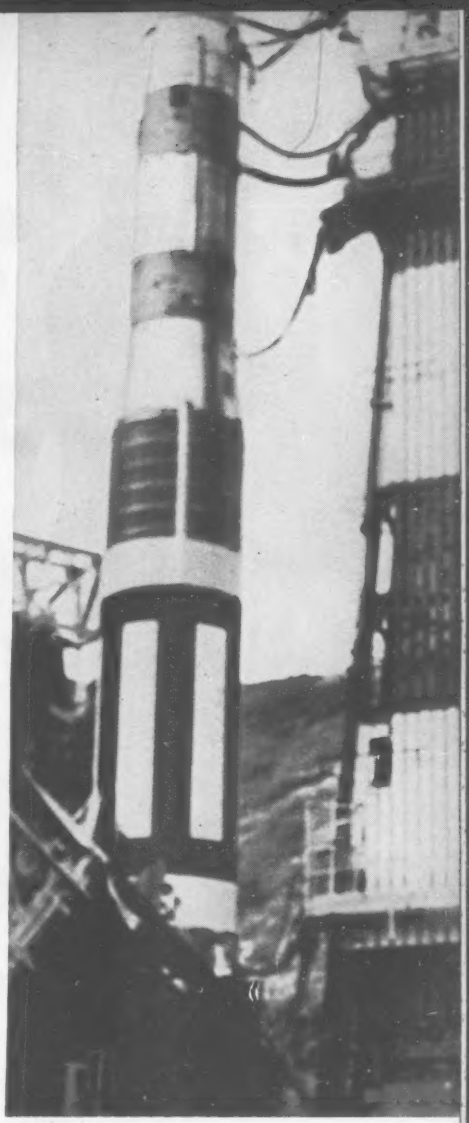
Defense appropriations for fiscal 1959 authorized construction of 10 more Bomarc sites. So far, the Air Force has been allowed to begin work on only three; at Langley AFB, Va.; Duluth Municipal Airport, Minn., and Kinross AFB, Mich. The status of the other seven Bomarc sites is not known.

The only other substantial missile construction program is for the overseas-based Air Force Thor and Jupiter intermediate-range ballistic missiles. (IRBM effective range is about 1,700 miles.) One Thor base is already operational in Great Britain and three more are planned for that country.

Total costs of the bases will be about $90 million. Britain will pay for much of the material used. At least four other IRBM bases are planned for Europe. But several political differences with France and other NATO allies must be resolved before construction can begin on these installations.

Despite the Air Force's impressive ICBM progress, the bomber bases of the Strategic Air Command will continue to be the backbone of U. S. nuclear striking power through most of the next 10 years, officials believe.

"ICBM's will supplement, but not supplant manned bombers in the foreseeable future," says Gen. Thomas S. Power, SAC commander-in-chief.



TITAN: Two years away

But airplane base construction will wane in coming years. Last year Congress appropriated $66 million to complete "current requirements for full dispersal" of 33 B-52 long-range bomber squadrons to 33 installations.

It also voted $80.9 million to "complete substantially the construction needed for achievement of the 15-minute response capability as currently planned." This involved funds to modify aircraft parking aprons and other facilities to step up SAC's alert status.

The new Air Force budget, however, will include funds for procurement of some 50 additional B-52 bombers. It is possible that further bomber base construction will be contracted out next year.

The Air Force has 70 squadrons of fighter-interceptor planes in the U. S., including Alaska. The number of these squadrons will be reduced as Bomarc

Down the ICBM Bases

will be valued at $40-$50 million. Completion date is classified.

- **Forbes AFB, Topeka, Kan.** Total authorization so far is $29.7 million. The first increment of work is scheduled for advertising early this spring and the second for late spring or early summer.

- **Offutt AFB, Omaha, Neb.** Authorized funds total $25.5 million. First increment of work will be advertised in February. Value of 1959 contracts will be $20-30 million. Unofficial date of occupancy is 1961. Project consists of three launch batteries to be located in area.

- **Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Wash.** First general construction contracts are scheduled for July. No other information on the plans is available.

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units become operational. The outlook is for a halt in construction of bases for these planes.

Next to missiles, the biggest portion of the military construction dollar is earmarked for air defense.

Last year $125.2 million was appropriated for 13 Air Force aircraft control and warning stations. The Air Force got $41.1 million for four installations of its SAGE air defense control system and five more are planned. The early warning radar lines and the Army's missile master control system are also receiving heavy allocations.

The Distant Early Warning line along the Arctic Circle is being extended eastward, bringing total construction costs for the system to $383 million. Including electronic and other equipment costs, the DEW line's ultimate cost will be $1 billion. Operating expenses: about $200 million annually.

The Air Force has also begun work on the Ballistic Missile Early Warning system (ENR July 17, 1958, p. 23). Congress voted $189 million last year to start construction at sites in Greenland and Alaska. Total cost of the two-site BMEW system, which will go into operation in 1960, is estimated at $800 million. At least $375 million will be spent for construction.

Who's Constructing The Missile Bases?

Here are some of the principal designers and builders of ICBM bases:

• **Vandenberg AFB—Architect-engineers:** Holmes & Narver Inc. Los Angeles; H. K. Ferguson Co., Cleveland; Daniel, Mann, Johnson, Mendenhall & Associates, Los Angeles; Aerojet-General Corp., Azusa, Calif.; and Welton Beckett & Associates, Los Angeles.

Contractors: Fredericksen, Kasler & Stolte Construction Co., Fontana, Calif.; Utah Construction Co., Salt Lake City; Manhattan Construction Co., Muskogee, Okla.; P. J. Walker Construction Co., Los Angeles; Matich & Sundt, Colton, Calif., and Robert Genofile, Inc., Montrose, Calif.

• **Lowry AFB—Architect-engineers:** Daniel, Mann, Johnson, Mendenhall & Associates, Los Angeles, in association with Leo A. Daly Co., Omaha; Rust Engineering Co., Pittsburgh, and Mason & Hanger—Silas Mason Co., New York and Shreveport.

Contractors: Northwestern Engineering Co., Denver.

• **Offutt AFB—Architect-engineer:** Black & Veatch, Kansas City.

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Are We Making Progress In Teaching Construction?

College training in construction management has been receiving increased emphasis. But many believe progress has not kept pace with the demands of an increasingly complex industry.

To find out about current progress and pitfalls ENR interviewed Prof. Clarkson H. Oglesby of Stanford University. He is co-chairman of the joint committee on construction education of the American Society for Engineering Education and the Associated General Contractors of America. At Stanford he directs an outstanding program in the field with curricula leading to both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Q. Have colleges made much progress in teaching construction?

A. Actually, no. With few exceptions I sense that engineering educators generally have no more interest in construction education than they did ten years ago. To most of them design is the important thing; construction really isn't civil engineering. I look for a quick awakening on the part of college administrators if and when the construction industry makes its needs known. Increased activities of both AGC and ASCE are good signs but they are only a beginning toward what must be done if widespread attention to construction education is to develop.

Q. Just how good is industry support?

A. Insofar as Stanford is concerned it ranges from poor to excellent. Support of research is poor. Scholarship contributions are fairly good. And general advice and encouragement from industry are excellent. This pattern is undoubtedly similar at other schools.

Q. Is research important in this field?

A. Definitely so. Lack of industry support for research programs is perhaps the weakest point in all of civil engineering education compared with other engineering fields. In construction engineering much more can be done in operations research and other cost reduction techniques. At Stanford we are fortunate in having a Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks contract that is showing us the tremendous opportunity for applying such techniques to construction. But by and large college research in construction and in civil engineering is limited to programs sponsored by a few materials producers. More research dollars would improve educational qualities of construction management programs.

Q. What about scholarship money?

A. Of course, we can always use more. But this is one area where we think progress is good at Stanford. Half of our graduate students studying for a masters' degree in construction are getting some financial support. Most of this, in the form of scholarships, is coming from such firms as Utah Construction Co., Guy F. Atkinson Co., Chas. L. Harney, Inc., C. L. Peck Construction & Realty Co., and Ideal Cement Co. A portion of the contribution from some of these donors may also go for program strengthening. This money is used to buy periodicals, books and other teaching aids. As yet, this form of support is too small to help with salaries and overhead. In effect, Stanford is subsidizing construction education in a substantial way since tuition pays roughly half the cost of the program.

Q. What about other colleges?

A. I understand other contractors are making similar contributions at other colleges. Two factors in addition to the money itself are important: continuity and lead time. To be most effective both scholarship and research funds should be available for a period of years. And many months are needed to plan

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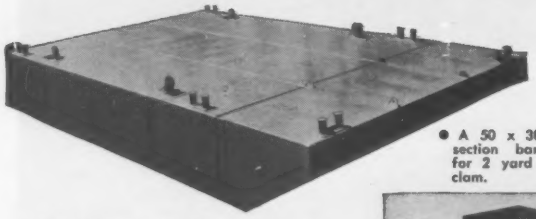

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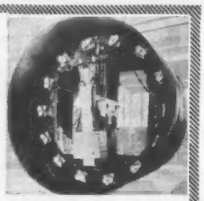

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Q. What form does industry encouragement take?

A. An example of this is in our graduate courses in construction. One evening a week we have a two-hour lecture by an industry leader—some 25 each year in all. This includes not only people from construction firms but also labor union representatives, construction bond underwriters and the like. AGC has also done a lot to encourage programs at Stanford and other schools.

Q. What about qualified full-time teaching staffs?

A. Other than financing, this is the biggest problem colleges have. To meet the requirements for appointment to a college faculty, a person should be a graduate engineer—preferably with advanced degrees. And he must have considerable stature in the industry. In reality, this means that he must take a 50% pay cut for the privilege of teaching—few want to do that.

Q. How well are your graduates received?

A. Many are doing quite well, rising to positions of genuine responsibility within a few years of completing the graduate program. And whether contractors know it or not, we do a good weeding out process. In only a term or so students find out whether or not they are cut out for the construction industry—a process that may take years working for a contractor.

Q. Do construction management programs attract students?

A. Yes, in our experience. This year, for example, we have students from New York, Alabama, Texas, South Dakota, Virginia, and New Mexico. And we have some from Canada, Australia, India and Israel.

Q. What does your graduate program involve?

A. It requires 45 or more quarter units. Required graduate courses include construction administration, advanced construction equipment and methods, concrete construction, advanced engineering economy, depreciation, advanced foundation design and harbor structures. And we require at least 14 quarter units of electives in business management. These courses include accounting, finance, business law, time and motion study, labor relations and the like.

Q. How long does it take?

A. A graduate of an accredited course in civil engineering can easily finish in three quarters. Others may take longer.

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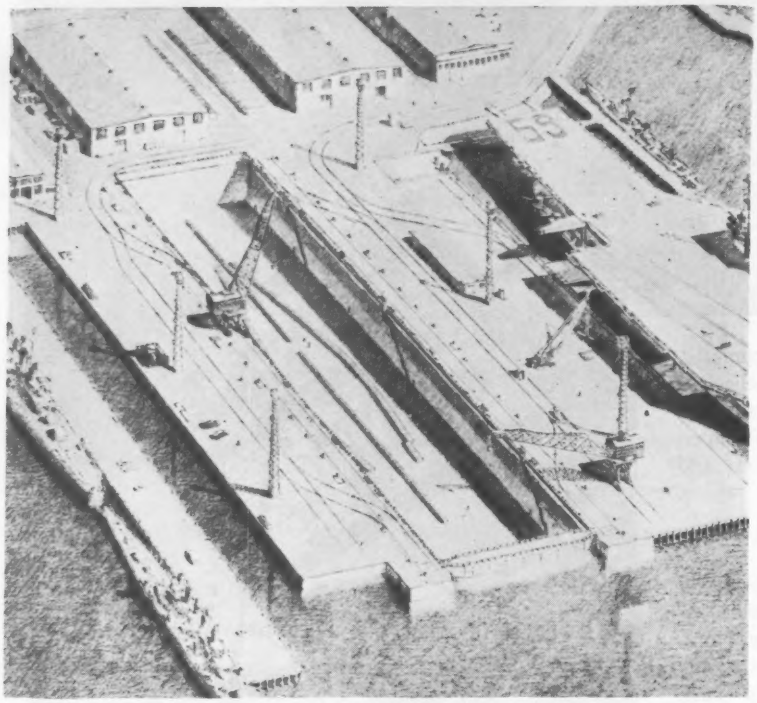


Largest Naval vessels will fit in Puget Sound drydock.

The U. S. Navy is building the largest drydock in the world at Bremerton, Wash. At 1,150x188 ft and with its floor slab 61 ft below yard level, the drydock will accommodate the biggest Naval vessels in existence or proposed.

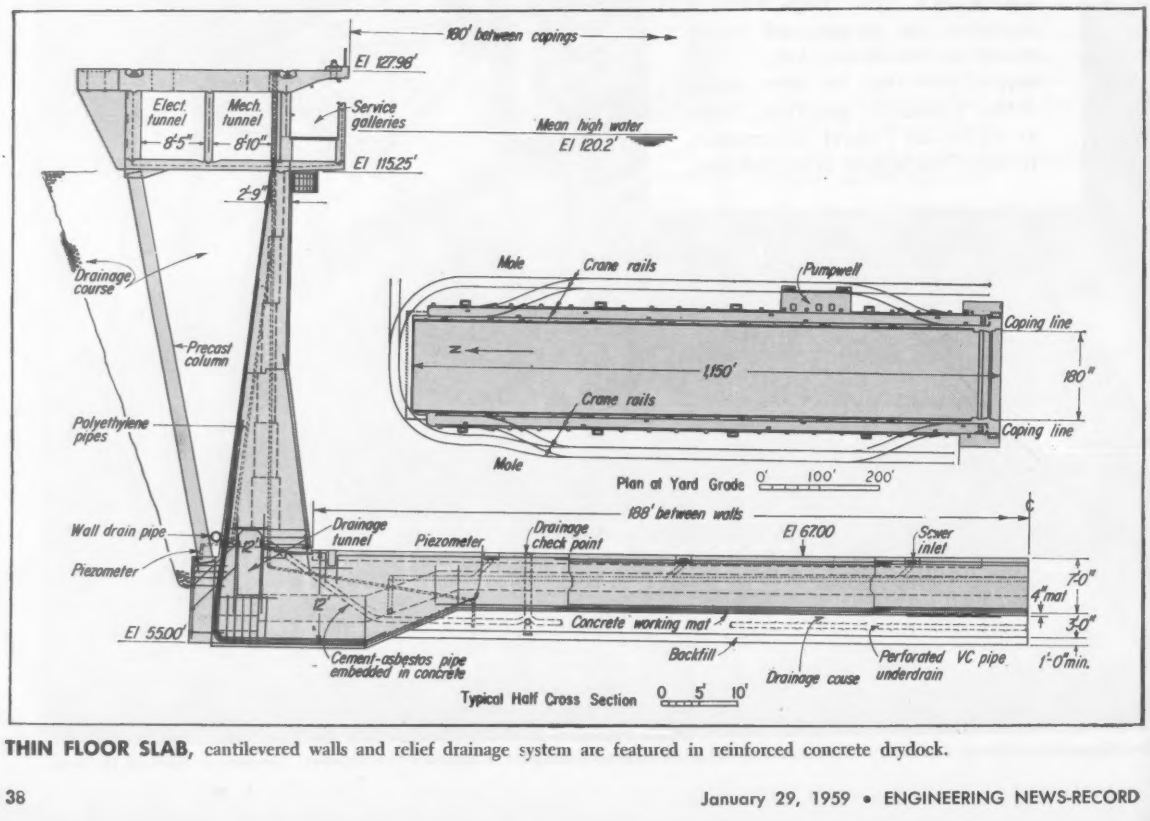
Contract for the drydock and flanking mole areas was awarded on Christmas Eve to a combine of firms low-bidding at $21.6 million. Other facilities, including a berthing pier, will be built as a second increment; estimated cost is about $5 million.

But size is only one noteworthy feature of the mammoth, reinforced concrete service structure. Design calls for an extremely thin floor slab—only 7 ft thick. Walls are to cantilevered up from the floor slab. They too will be thin, tapering from 12 ft to 3 ft.

Further, the construction area is to be enclosed with earth dams so the drydock can be built in the dry—an unusual procedure for such a large structure.

• **Relief is key**—The lightweight construction is possible because the drydock is to be a completely relieved structure.

A precision drainage system beneath the floor slab and along the walls will



THIN FLOOR SLAB, cantilevered walls and relief drainage system are featured in reinforced concrete drydock.

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permit lowering groundwater level when the dock is dewatered—and thus control hydrostatic head on the outside of the dock. Without such control, pressure buildup against the thin walls and light slab could cause rupture or even bodily uplift of the watertight, concrete box.

A gravity dock with enough mass concrete to prevent rupture or uplift would have meant putting in a floor 43 ft thick—six times the chosen design. It would also have called for a deeper bite into the site bottom to take the slab. Such a dock would be more expensive and more difficult to build.

• **The site**—The drydock is going into a Puget Sound bottom that consists of firm material overlain with 0 to 40 ft of soft material.

The firm material consists of layers of fairly compact silty sand and gravel. Under this is a compact bed of sand and gravel with some silt (glacial till). These last layers are considered suitable for the heavy loadings of the drydock.

The soft material is mainly soft to medium clay, not good for permanent loadings. (Its variation in thickness ruled out piles for hold-down of a moderately thick floor for an unrelieved drydock—another system considered.) All this soft material is to be removed. And, to achieve grade for the floor slab, some otherwise suitable material at the shore end of the dock will also have to be removed.

In all, some 800,000 cu yd of material will be removed beneath the drydock, moles and future pier. Clamshells may be needed to supplement suction and dipper dredges for mucking out the deepest areas.

Granular material—plentiful in the Puget Sound area—will be brought in to replace the removed material. It will become the basic foundation for the drydock. It also will be laid up to yard level to form the moles. Fill and backfill for drydock and mole area are expected to total 1.1 million cu yd.

The granular fill material must support the weight of the drydock when flooded and the weight of more localized ship loadings when the drydock is dewatered and the ship blocked up.

• **Cofferdam**—The artificially placed moles will do double duty. A portion of the mole fills will be incorporated in cofferdams on the east and west, or sidewall, lengths of the drydock.

A line of steel sheetpiles through the dam and into the glacial till will act as a water cutoff. Earthwork and sheetpile will remain as part of the permanent structures.

The sea, or south, end of the drydock will be temporarily sealed off with interconnected sheetpile cells that tie in with the sheetpile lines.

• **The box**—Over 150,000 cu yd of concrete and 8,300 tons of reinforcing steel will go into the drydock.

The 7-ft-thick floor slab flares out to a thickness of 12 ft under the walls. The walls will be cantilevers up from the floor slab. Their thickest part, at the bottom, measures 12 ft. They rise almost 50 ft, tapering to less than 3 ft thick at top. Walls and floor slab will act monolithically.

A 30-ft-wide, 13-ft-high section will run along the top of the wall. It will house the electrical tunnels, mechanical tunnels and service galleries.

The service galleries hang in on the drydock, making clear distance between copings 180 ft. Distance between walls at floor slab level will be 188 ft.

The overhang to the outside of the dock will be braced with precast concrete columns set diagonally.

The sea end of the drydock will be fitted with a floating caisson gate to let ships in and out.

Four 8-ft-square sliding gates will open to fill the dock with about 88 million gallons of water in 90 minutes. A pumpwell, to go in the east wall, will dewater the dock. It features four main pumps that can each move 115,000 gpm.

• **Keeping the balance**—Because there is insufficient deadweight and strength in slab and walls for resistance of exterior hydrostatic pressures, the groundwater drainage system must operate perfectly and continuously for the life of the drydock.

When the drydock has been pumped out, outside groundwater level should be down to between elevations 67.5 and 68, just a bit above floor slab level. This is expected to provide a satisfactory factor of safety against uplift.

However, a more critical condition can occur while the dock is being pumped out. If the groundwater drawdown lags too much behind the lowering water level in the drydock, rupture or bodily uplift could take place.

Therefore the differential between inside and outside head is set conservatively at no more than 10 ft. Permanently placed piezometers will provide continuous readings.

The drainage system that will do the delicate groundwater regulation job starts with a drainage course under the slab and alongside the walls. These will consist of properly graded courses of granular material carefully placed. In all, 92,000 cu yd are to be placed.

Under the slab, the course will be 3 ft thick. A horizontally laid network of perforated collector pipes will be embedded in this course.

A perforated collector pipe will run horizontally along the lower part of each wall, also embedded in a drainage course. This pipe will rest on a concrete shelf for maximum support.

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As soon as possible, a 4-in.-thick, concrete sub-floor with waterproofing membrane is to be placed over the drainage course to keep out dirt and protect the collector pipes during construction of the main floor slab.

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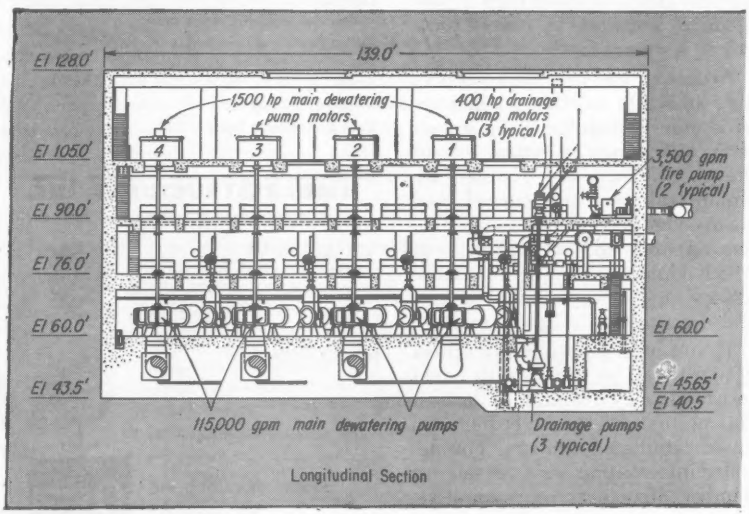

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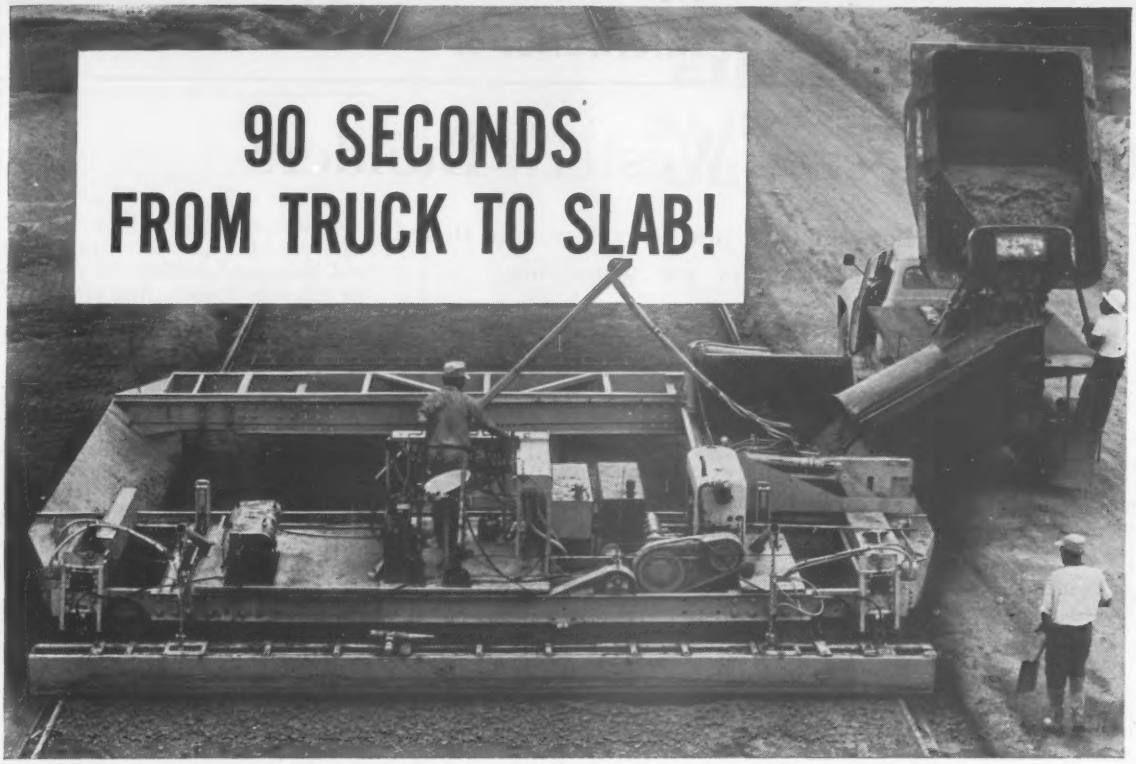
Texas Board of Education officials say the engineer-teachers breathe life into their subjects by tying them to today's headlines; one of the men was a designer on the Nautilus project, another is a rocket propulsion expert.

• **Drexel seniors pinch hit**—Pinch hitters also are being used in Philadelphia's understaffed high school math and science departments. Twenty Drexel Institute of Technology seniors are serving as full-time substitute teachers. In this program, worked out by Drexel and the Philadelphia Board of Education, the seniors teach during the working periods of their cooperative curriculum.



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- **Tighter financing, higher labor costs, less flexible contract terms harass construction work.**

The position of Western contractors in Iraq is becoming more precarious every day.

A growing suspicion and lack of confidence between the contractors and the Iraq Development Board is frustrating some of the firms now active in Iraq; tied to this is the country's uncertain political future.

Contractors particularly note an increasing impatience and inflexibility on the part of board officials.

Of equal concern is this open threat: If Western firms fail to stick to the letter of their contracts, there are many Soviet bloc concerns eager to take over. The board's attitude seems to be that if the Soviet concerns are prepared to lose money, that's their business, not the board's.

The difficulties contractors are meeting in Iraq are related to finances, manpower and contract requirements.

• **Financial**—Beginning with the new year, all Iraqi banks will stop their former practice of advancing loans to foreign contractors who have a job in progress or are about to start one. Moreover, the Development Board has for some time held up or restricted advance payments to contractors from its own reserves.

Although contracts signed in the past contained no provision for interim financing by the board, it had become established practice for the board to advance working capital out of its reserves.

Some contractors are now being forced to return, within three months, the plant advances made to them previously, and to bring in their own capital for completion of the contract.

• **Manpower**—New labor laws have also increased the labor costs of the contractors. For example, there has been a reduction of the working day from a minimum nine hours to eight hours. But there has been no corresponding reduction in wages.

There are new social security charges, a 25% increase in overtime payments and an increasing difficulty in dismissing workers.

• **Contract muddle**—In addition to financial and labor difficulties, some contractors are having problems on contract terms. Most of these are in the roadbuilding program, whose failure has plagued the Iraq Development Board for years.

Faulty specifications, very low bids and inadequate and inexperienced tendering has resulted in many delays, breakups and abandoned contracts.

One road contractor, whose case is now before arbitration, blamed the road section of the Development Board in the old regime for the contractors' troubles today.

He says the section was inadequately staffed, badly organized and "thought it was being smart by having its own staff take the role of consultants."

Consulting engineers, he says, would have prevented job-underrating, faulty and inadequate specifications and hastily drawn up tenders. And they would have leveled off other unforeseen difficulties in the execution of the contract by acting as judge and arbiter between the board and the contractors, he adds.

Although these difficulties originated during the old regime, they have been aggravated by the rigidity of the officials in the new regime, the contractor says.

In the old regime, the board showed some flexibility in not demanding too strict an application of contract terms.

The new regime, which has inherited the mistakes of the past, insists on sticking to the letter of the original contracts.

Result: At least four companies working in Iraq have been forced to abandon their contracts, which were then cancelled by the board. All four companies have asked for compensation and for arbitration against application of penalty clauses.

The four companies are:

D. C. William Press Ltd. (British), which had a $15-million contract for a 75-mile highway from Jalawla to the

. . . Behind the Squeeze: Mid-East Politics

Communist expansion, Middle East rivalries and social unheaval are all playing a role in crumbling the position of Western contractors in Iraq.

The revolution that overthrew King Faisal's pro-Western monarchy six months ago seemed then a further manifestation of Nasser-led Middle East nationalism. Brigadier Abdel Karim el Kassem concluded a mutual defense pact with Nasser's United Arab Republic; even closer ties appeared imminent.

But the Iraq revolutionists apparently had second thoughts. Although Iraq's people are sand-poor, her soil is oil-rich. Iraq would have little to gain in union with UAR.

Under the pretext of destroying "counter-revolutionary plots," Kassem has weeded out the pro-Nasser elements in the Iraqi government. But to find a new base of political support, he had but one place to turn: That's to the Communists, the only other group with a wide following.

He has accepted arms from Communist-bloc countries, harbored Red refugees and given domestic Communists a nearly free reign.

The result of this shift in the political wind became apparent a month ago when U. S. Asst. Sec. of State William M. Rountree was greeted in Baghdad by fruit-throwing, slogan-chanting mobs, apparently Communist inspired.

This climate may improve slightly. Western diplomats were cheered this month by the news that Iraq had limited the activity of the People's Militia and Iraqi Students Union, both Communist dominated groups.

There is another side to the Middle East coin.

Nasser, although willing to deal with the Communist bloc, has always been wary of home-grown Reds.

Worried about developments in Iraq, Nasser has recently been bidding for better relations with the West.

One immedate outcome: The leasing to Nasser of the U. S. Corps of Engineers' dredge "Essayons" for work on the Suez Canal (ENR Jan. 15, p. 25).

Derbendi Khan damsite, including bridges and tunnels;

Vianini (Italian), which had the contract for the 100-mile highway from Baghdad to Kut in south-central Iraq;

The Contracting & Trading Company (Lebanese), which had the contract for the Kirkuk-Suleimania highway in the northeast;

Beton und-Monierbau AG (West German).

The Development Board says it "has stuck to the terms of contracts and has merely cancelled the extra privileges the former Development Board used to pour into the companies' laps, such as getting Iraqi banks to finance their contracts. It is a matter of course that companies, which are awarded a contract in Iraq, must bring into the country the capital required. The Development Board asked the complaining companies to finance their own projects, and to complete them within the prescribed period, or face the consequencies."

Mohammed Hadid, Minister of Finance and acting Minister of Development, says he does not think the new restrictions would "seriously inconvenience foreign contractors of good standing, nor discourage them from bidding for new board contracts."

The minister warns, however, that Western consultants and contractors should be prepared to compete with state concerns from the Soviet bloc in the future.

"The list of countries consulting on and contracting for future projects will be much wider than before, giving us the full advantages of the latest technical developments and of truly competitive bidding," he says.

Despite the frustrations, most major firms with contracts in Iraq are continuing their work.

Nevertheless, restrictions on local financing may change the entire picture. Under present political circumstances, few firms will risk sending any money to Iraq for jobs already in progress; even fewer will risk taking on new contracts—at least in the immediate future.

The country is not yet stable and there may still be changes in the Development Board.

The changes will not be in favor of Western firms if present Communist attempts to infiltrate government departments are successful.

For one engineer's personal views on the construction man's lot in Iraq, please turn the page.

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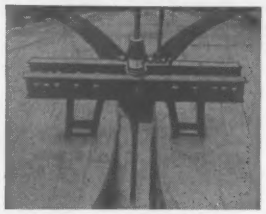

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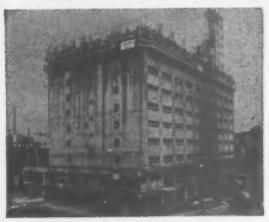

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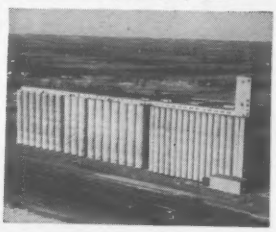

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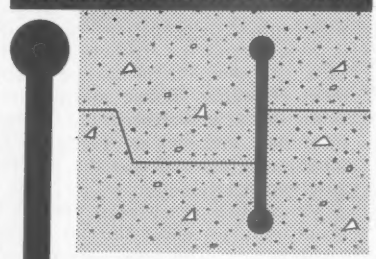

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How U.S. Firms Will Make Out in Iraq

Most American companies involved in construction in Iraq won't fare as badly under the new regime as recent developments lead some of them to fear. But to operate in the area, Americans—business and government alike—have got to accept certain political realities.

So says Harold T. Smith, American engineer who heads a well-drilling firm that has sunk about a quarter-million feet of wells in Iraq under both the old and new governments.

Contracts with a few European companies have been canceled, and payments to some American companies are in arrears. This has caused some fear that General Kassem's government, which came to power following the bloody overthrow of the old Hashemite monarchy last July, might renege on all contracts made by the deposed government.

Mr. Smith is more optimistic. He believes the revolutionary government will abide by its declared intent to honor contracts entered into legally with the old regime. But he feels that if there is any suspicion that a contract was obtained through improper influence, the company involved can expect trouble, including probable cancellation.

• **Why the delay?**—One interpretation of the delay in payments is that the government wants to get the companies into disadvantageous positions for possible contract renegotiations. Mr. Smith is more inclined to attribute delays to the almost complete turnover of government personnel. Before making decisions, the new, inexperienced officials must make sure they are not approving something they criticized the previous government for.

Mr. Smith's own work is proceeding about as it did under the old government, he says. There was some delay of payments immediately following the revolution, but now both local-currency and dollar payments are coming in what he considers a normal period.

• **The big "if"**—Mr. Smith's cautious optimism is tempered by one big "if": communism. Reds are exerting strong pressure on the Kassem government, and some key spots are being filled by known Communists.

Should the Communists gain control, government policy would become antagonistic to everything American. Then the present fears of U. S. firms in Iraq would undoubtedly materialize.

• **Short-term projects favored**—Mr. Smith thinks the new government intends to concentrate on projects whose benefits will reach large numbers of people quickly. There is no evidence, he says, that Iraq intends to drop jobs aimed at providing domestic water supply, irrigation, flood control, low-cost housing, sanitation, local industries, rural electrification and education.

However, there are indications, he says, that glamor or luxury projects, such as the Baghdad Opera House, will be abandoned. One of the major charges the present government made against its predecessor, says Smith, was that improvements were not undertaken to help the masses but to benefit a favored few.

The opera house, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright on commission from ex-King Feisal, has been called an expenditure of millions to satisfy the vanity of a few people who probably had attended the opera in Europe once in their lives. It was also criticized as an unwarranted emulation of cultural activities of European capitals.

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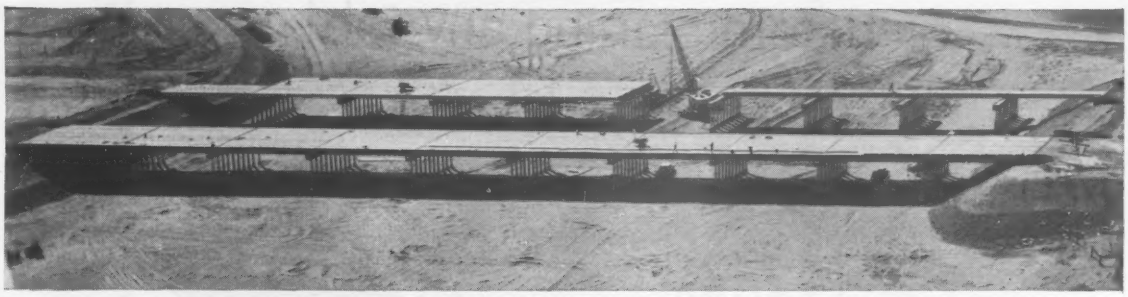

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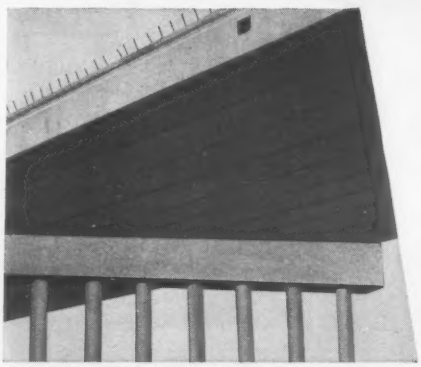

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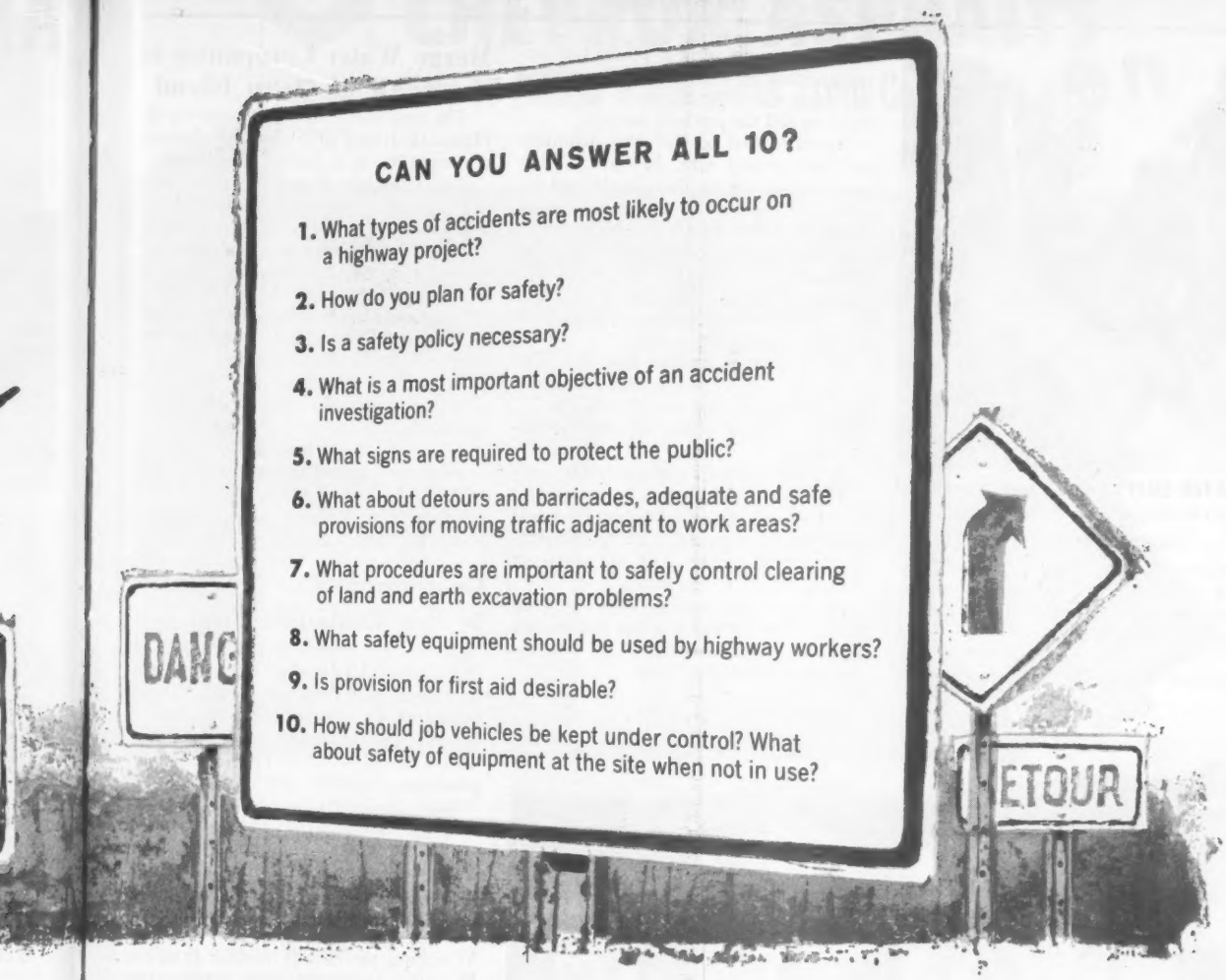
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programs in Iraq, they must recognize and accept the realities in present-day Iraq and shape their policies accordingly, Mr. Smith declares.

Whether it is technical services, construction know-how or statesmanship, Americans must offer a product of superior quality and must send their ablest salesmen—whether engineers or diplomats—to sell the product, he says.

Russians sent to the area definitely are not second rate, he says. Their product appeals to the people and by clever persuasion it is made to look good to the leaders.

Politicians the world over want to be aligned with a winner; and in Iraq, as elsewhere in the Middle East, Mr. Smith believes, there is a growing feeling that Russia is winning.

Two things Americans must live with in Iraq if they are to continue business in the country, says Mr. Smith are:

- A domestic policy of extreme nationalism.
- A foreign policy of neutrality.

He considers nationalism inevitable. But Iraq's neutrality between East and West could be modified by the sagacity of American policy and of American statesmen selling the policy.

A point in favor of the West: As long as the Western world is the real market for Iraq oil, economic policy will be slanted toward the West.

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The two water supply systems on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu are planning a merger to gain financial strength.

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Officers of the Honolulu system will control the merged managements. Still undecided is whether the Board of Water Supply will retain its semi-autonomous political status.

Geothermal Power Plant Is New Zealand's First

New Zealand's first geothermal steam power plant has been put into operation at Wairakei, North Island, according to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization headquarters in Paris. The plant produces 250,000 kw from natural steam.

It was indicated that additional plants are in the works. For one of them, at Waiotapu, a 2,000 ft bore will be opened soon to tap steam sources below layers of volcanic rock. Scientists working on the project say that the Waiotapu steam will be drier than the Wairakei steam and better suited for power production.

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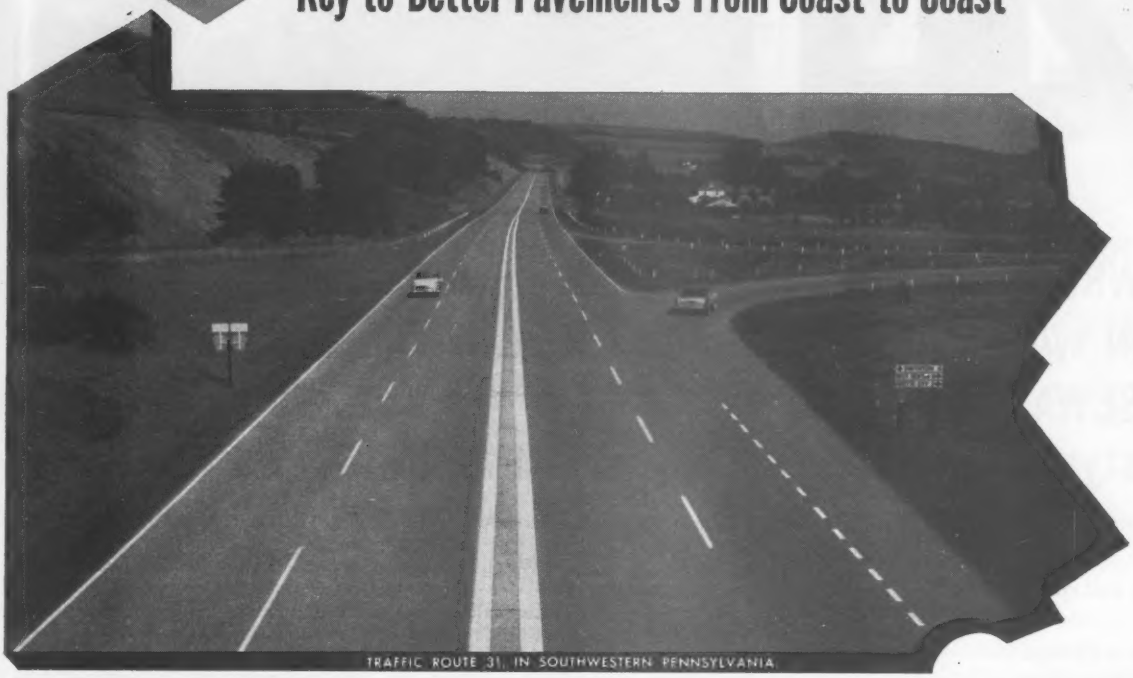

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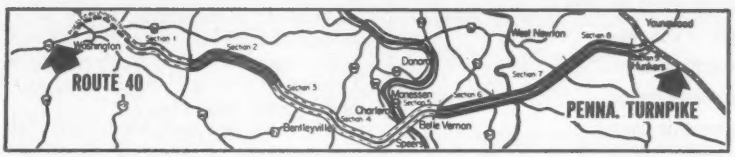

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The other new unit, Model CW-220, has a capacity of 20 cu yd (struck) and 27 cu yd (heaped). Several of the other 12 models are improved versions of the old Wooldridge line of scrapers formerly made in California.

The complete, 14-model line includes both self-propelled and tractor-drawn scrapers. They range in size from 7 cu yd to 30 cu yd, struck capacity; also rear dump models up to 35-ton capacity.

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- Two two-wheel scraper and two-wheel tractor combinations with struck capacities of 7 and 15 cu yd.
- One two-wheel scraper and four-wheel tractor combination, with a 20 cu yd struck capacity.
- Two two-wheel tractor and two-wheel rear-dump combinations of 14 and 21 cu yd capacities, struck measure.
- One 21-cu-yd (struck) rear dump with four-wheel tractor combination.

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Nello Teer: Contractors Must Be Better

"I love contracting. But if all I got out of it was fun, I'd quit the business and get my fun some easier way," says the new ARBA president.

Young enough to be progressive, seasoned enough to be steady; handsome enough to play the lead in a movie, rugged enough to handle $20 million worth of construction a year, all around the globe; a construction stiff in Ivy League clothes with Ivy League manners: that's Nello Teer, Jr., 44-year-old president of Nello L. Teer Co., Durham, N. C.

At Dallas last week he took over the presidency of the American Road Builders Association, another in a long list of offices he has held in construction industry associations. Mr. Teer was a vice-president of ARBA; he is a national director of the Associated General Contractors and a director of the Associated Pennsylvania Constructors; he's a past president of the Carolina Road Builders Association, headed the contractors division of the ARBA and is a former director of the Carolinas Branch of the AGC.

Being chosen to head ARBA—an organization devoted to the betterment of U. S. roads—has a double significance to Mr. Teer. He is the youngest man to hold that office in the 57-year history of the group. And he will hold the presidency of the ARBA during the year that his own firm is celebrating its Golden Anniversary.

The Teer Co. was founded in 1909 by Nello Teer, Sr., a determined individualist who saw no reason why a fourth grade education or a missing right arm (he lost it at eleven while working in a brick yard) should keep him from success. The spirit that keeps the older Teer still active and interested in construction work at 70 has been passed on to Nello, Jr., and to his 38-year-old brother, Dillard, a vice-president in the company.

• **Many financial interests**—Teer enterprises are not limited to the Durham company. They include ownership of asphalt plants, rock quarries, an equipment company, a Panamanian construction company and a railroad.

While none of these enterprises is the largest in its field, none is small. Teer quarries produced more than 2½ million tons of processed stone last year—one quarry alone turned out almost ¾ million tons of graded material that went into highway projects within a 25-mile radius of Durham.

The Durham and Southern Railway Co. is a short line railroad that was taken over by the Teers in 1952. In its 62-mile length between Durham and Dunn, it bridges three major southern railroads. The line has always been a profit-making venture; since control of it was assumed by the Teers, its profits have more than doubled.

Central Engineering and Contracting Corp. owns the Teer construction equipment—more than $15 million worth. In addition, this company occasionally handles construction projects. Among its jobs have been a section of the Massachusetts Turnpike and an 8,000-ft-long tailrace cut below Roanoke Rapids Dam.

Nello L. Teer Co. of Central America, Inc. has been actively engaged in highway and heavy construction work throughout Central America since 1955. It has built more than 40 miles of road through the rugged mountains of Guatemala, much of it at mile-high elevations. It has already constructed 40 miles of the Rama Road, which will cross Nicaragua to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and is currently constructing an additional 20-mile stretch. This work is being done in a jungle rain forest area that gets as much as 300 in. of rainfall annually.

• **The big interest**—Impressive as these records of subsidiary Teer enterprises are, they take a back seat to the record of the parent firm, Nello L. Teer Co. This outfit grosses more than $20 million annually—about half of it in dam, airport and dredging operations and the rest in highway construction. In road work, the firm claims a top position; it has built more than 8,500 miles.

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"A man who bids a job just to get a job is just plain nuts."

In addition, the company has built dams in Pennsylvania, paved airports in Iceland and dredged canals in Virginia. It is one of the five firms operating under the name of Atlas Constructors which, since 1951, have been constructing airports in French Morocco. This work is just now being completed, at a value that tops the $300-million mark.

In handling such farflung and diversified operations, Teer companies have more than 1,400 pieces of equipment and often more than 2,000 employees.

• **The boss works**—Nello Teer, Jr. runs all the companies. His father gave him a good start and today he has plenty of competent help; but he was not content to coast on his father's reputation and he does not leave all the work to his assistants.

Every bid made up by a Teer company is checked by Nello, Jr. personally. He visits every project being handled at regular intervals—and the visits are not mere inspection tours. Nello, Jr., negotiates all contracts, helps set up the jobs, assists his superintendents in solving job problems.

He travels in a company-owned, twin-engine airplane, knows what it is to get up at 4:00 a.m. and work until 9:00 or 10:00 p.m.

He, his wife and his four children have lived for years on a 50-acre estate on the outskirts of Durham in a house so large that Nello admits he doesn't know how many rooms it has. His oldest daughter's two children make him a very young grandfather.

• **For fun, and profit**—Nello, Jr. is dedicated to the proposition that men work to make money. "It's wonderful for a man to make important contributions to his chosen field," he says, "but I don't think that the importance of any contribution has been lessened because the contributor made money from it. In fact, to me, a truly successful man is one who can make money while he is doing some good."

To make money, he says, a contractor must be primarily a business man. If he can be an engineer and a business man, too, so much the better. But if it has to be one or the other, there is no question about where Nello Teer stands.

"Today's contractor must know not just the fundamentals of running a business. He must know business administration in detail. More than any other entreprenuers, the contractor must understand cost accounting and cost records," he says. "A manufacturer who underprices his product can raise his price when he discovers his mistake. The contractor can't. Each job is an entity. If a mistake is made on a bid, the job stands to lose money. And if the lessons learned from one job aren't carried over to the next, a contractor can't stay in business."

Nello Teer believes many contractors today are facing disaster because of their ignorance of, or unwillingness to face, three major considerations: taxes, depreciation and profit.

On taxes—"It doesn't matter how much money a man makes; if he doesn't know his tax picture and get all the expert help he needs, he can lose everything to the tax collector."

On depreciation—"Many contractors forget that today equipment is expensive. The man who bids a job or figures his job profits without first allowing for equipment replacement is just digging himself a tunnel to the poorhouse."

On profits—"A man who bids a job just to get a job—a man who hopes for a miracle to make him his profit—is just plain nuts. We won't bid a job unless we can see 10% in it. Then if we make 5%, we're doing well."

ARBA's new president has this to say about highway construction:

"Money is the big problem. Many states have always been short, and their condition will get worse if something isn't done." As far as the interstate pro-

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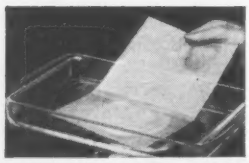

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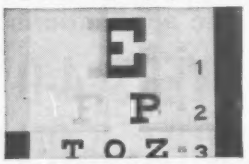

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gram is concerned, that's going to bog down for sure if steps aren't taken to provide funds. The highway trust fund is running out of money, and when the Byrd amendment comes back into effect at the end of the year, there just isn't going to be anything to build roads with.

"One of the principal objectives of the ARBA this year must be to assist in finding ways to raise money for highway construction."

Mr. Teer has two other objectives as ARBA president:

- He will try to convince equipment manufacturers who do national advertising in mass media that they must help to inform the public on the workings of the highway program and on its importance.
- He will try to convince contractors that they should not bid too low.

"I love contracting as much as anyone," says Nello Teer, Jr., "but if all I got out it was fun, I'd quit the business and get my fun some easier way. And any other contractor with any sense will do the same thing."

• **He quit school**—Nello Teer studied engineering at the University of North Carolina. His ambition was to follow in his father's footsteps as a contractor. In the middle of his senior year—after three and a half years of average work—young Nello realized his engineering course was not training him for business.

He appealed to the dean and got nowhere. There was no provision in the curriculum for giving engineering students much more than engineering courses. And these courses left a gap that Nello Teer wanted to fill.

To get the courses in accounting, business law and business administration he felt necessary, he transferred to the school of commerce. Here, again, he was frustrated. The courses prerequisite to those he wanted would take two years to get. So he quit school.

As a result of this experience, he later became a prime mover in the effort to start construction engineering courses designed to prepare engineers for construction business.

His father told young Nello that if he wanted to quit school, he was on his own—at least until he had proved himself. So he took over a large service station in Durham. And, in a depression year, he made it pay. At the end of the year he sold his interest for a profit and joined his father.

From the start Nello, Jr. was given increasing responsibility and authority. And gradually, Nello, Sr. turned his business over to his sons. The rest of the record speaks for itself.

California Names Wright To High Public Works Job

California's new Democratic governor, Edmund G. Brown reached all the way to New York to fill the $18,500-a-year position of deputy director of his State Department of Public Works.

He chose James F. Wright, who served under former-Gov. Averell Harriman as assistant superintendent in charge of fiscal and administrative management of New York's Department of Public Works.

Governor Brown appointed his northern California campaign manager, Frank Chambers, to the $13,800-a-year post of secretary of the State Highway Commission.

The new director of California's Department of Public Works is Robert Bradford, a former director of the Sacramento Redevelopment Agency and official of the General Services Administration (ENR Jan. 8, p. 64).

John Mullen Honored By AGC of Minnesota

John Mullen, of St. Paul, executive secretary of the Minnesota Good Roads association, was presented an honorary membership in the Associated General Contractors of Minnesota.

Mr. Mullen was president of Mullen & Nelson, Minneapolis general contractors, from 1925 to 1952. In 1909 he was named deputy state engineer for roads and played a major part in developing Minnesota's trunk highway system. He became deputy highway commissioner and chief engineer in 1917, serving until 1925 when he entered the contracting business.

Careers

Honors

Col. Albert E. Stoltz, retiring director of the U. S. Air Force Academy Construction Agency, Colorado Springs, Colo., has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal—the nation's highest peacetime decoration. One of the foremost construction authorities in the Armed Forces, Col. Stoltz directed supervision of all planning, designing and building of the Academy which is now more than 90% completed. His successor is Col. James A. Barnett, former chief of the operations division.

Retirements

Col. Ray Adams, chief of staff of the Army Engineer Center, Ft. Belvoir, Va., has retired from active duty.

H. E. Hedger, chief engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, has retired.

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Big Bridge in Pictures

MIGHTY MAC, THE OFFICIAL PICTURE HISTORY OF THE MACKINAC BRIDGE—by Lawrence A. Rubin. 155 pp. Wayne State University Press, Detroit 2, Mich. $4.95.

The Mackinac Bridge, opened to traffic in November 1957, has the second longest main span in the world—3,800 ft compared to 4,200 ft on San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. But measured from anchorage to anchorage, it takes first rank by a considerable margin—8,614 ft compared to Golden Gate's 6,450

How this great bridge was created from foundation to finished roadway is told in fine construction pictures with informative pictures assembled from the official files by the author. In addition, an introduction reviews the history of the site and the problems of planning and financing the structure. A brief discussion of the bridge's design by D. B. Steinman, the consulting engineer, sets the stage for the construction pictures which constitute the bulk of the book.

Laboratory Design

BUILDINGS FOR RESEARCH—224 pp. F. W. Dodge Corp., New York 18, N.Y. $9.50

This profusely illustrated volume should be a useful reference work for nonspecialists in laboratory design. It consists of articles published in recent years in ARCHITECTURAL RECORD.

The book is divided into four parts. Part I consists of articles on planning and design objectives and an analysis of several plot plans.

The remaining parts are devoted to industrial, nuclear, and institutional laboratories. These articles deal with the problems that confronted designers, owners and builders of 44 new research buildings and their solutions.

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This $428,728 contract to Naranche & Konda, Butte, Mont., is for grading and surfacing an 8.878-mile stretch of 29.34-ft roadway on the West Gallatin Highway in Montana, and for 0.043 miles of bridges, a total of 8.921 miles at an average cost of $48,058 a mile.

The award by the Bureau of Public Roads, U.S. Department of Commerce, Portland, Ore., is 7.5% below the estimate. W. B. Huffine is division engineer at Helena, Mont.

Largest item in the contract (21%) is 235,000 cu yd of unclassified excavation at 38¢ a yd. The low bid on this item was 37¢ a cu yd, and the high bid 70¢ a yd.

The thirteen bids included:

1C	Naranche & Konda, Butte, Mont.	$428,728
2	Union Constr, Co., Inc., Missoula, Mont.	443,511
13	Nilson-Smith Constr. Co., Great Falls, Mont.	599,294

Bids: 11-4-58 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2
Extra & misc work	ls	job	$2,000	$2,000
Clear & grub	ac	60	150.00	400.00
pit	ac	2	150.00	400.00
Trees & snags, select removal	sf	100	5.00	5.00
Excavation, unclassified	cy	235,000	0.38	0.37
Borrow topping, selected, case 1	cy	86,000	0.50	0.55
pit stripping, case 1	cy	3,700	0.40	0.40
Excavation, structural	cy	1,000	2.00	2.00
bridge	cy	550	4.00	16.00
Foundation fill	cy	1,000	5.00	1.00
Overhaul	sta yd	542,000	0.015	0.02
	yd mi	7,000	0.20	0.26
of borrow, case 1	yd mi	63,000	0.20	0.22
Water	unit	6,000	1.00	1.50
Waterplant, provide & maintain	ls	job	2,500	1,500
Rolling, tamp roller	hr	1,300	7.00	9.00
pneu-tired roller	hr	700	9.00	8.00
Roadways, obliterate old	unit	166	5.00	12.00
Crushed agg base, grading E	t	36,000	1.30	1.40
Blotter mail, bit pres treat	t	2,600	4.00	3.50
Asph, gr MC-2, bit surf treat	gal	56,000	0.18	0.17
gr MC-4, bit surf treat	gal	53,000	0.18	0.19
Concrete, class A	cy	547	94.00	102.00
Steel, reinforcing	lb	115,000	0.18	0.18
bridge railing	lf	484	11.00	10.00
Bit ctd corr met pipe, or equal				
24"	lf	4,118	10.00	7.40
30"	lf	184	15.00	8.50
36"	lf	124	20.00	12.00
48"	lf	108	35.00	18.00
Struct plate pipe arch, 12'10" span, 8'4" rise—8 gage	lf	70	120.00	95.00
Culv pipe, remov, clean, relay	lf	580	3.00	3.30
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Existing bridges, remove & dispose	ea	3	1,000	2,000

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Box Culvert Gets Airport Drain Contract

On Sept. 30 The Greater Rockford Airport Authority, Winnebago County, Ill., took bids three ways for a drainage structure at the airport.

The $112,056 award to Cardinal Construction Co., Rockford, Ill., is on the reinforced concrete box culvert alternate, which was pitted against reinforced concrete pipe and corrugated metal pipe alternates.

On the two pipe alternates, the bids were separated between labor and material costs, whereas the box culvert bids combined these costs.

DeJong, Middaugh and Associates, Rockford, Ill., is the consultant.

The structure is 1,160 ft. long, 10x10 ft inside, 12 ft 4 in. x 12 ft 4 in. outside. Compacted granular backfill around the structure is estimated to contain 6,720 cu yd, truck measure.

Union contract wages included: carpenter, $3.35; concrete finisher, $3.20; tractor operator, $3.20; crane and shovel operator, $3.35; common laborer, $2.50.

Construction commenced Oct. 20; pouring of the culvert was completed Dec. 1.

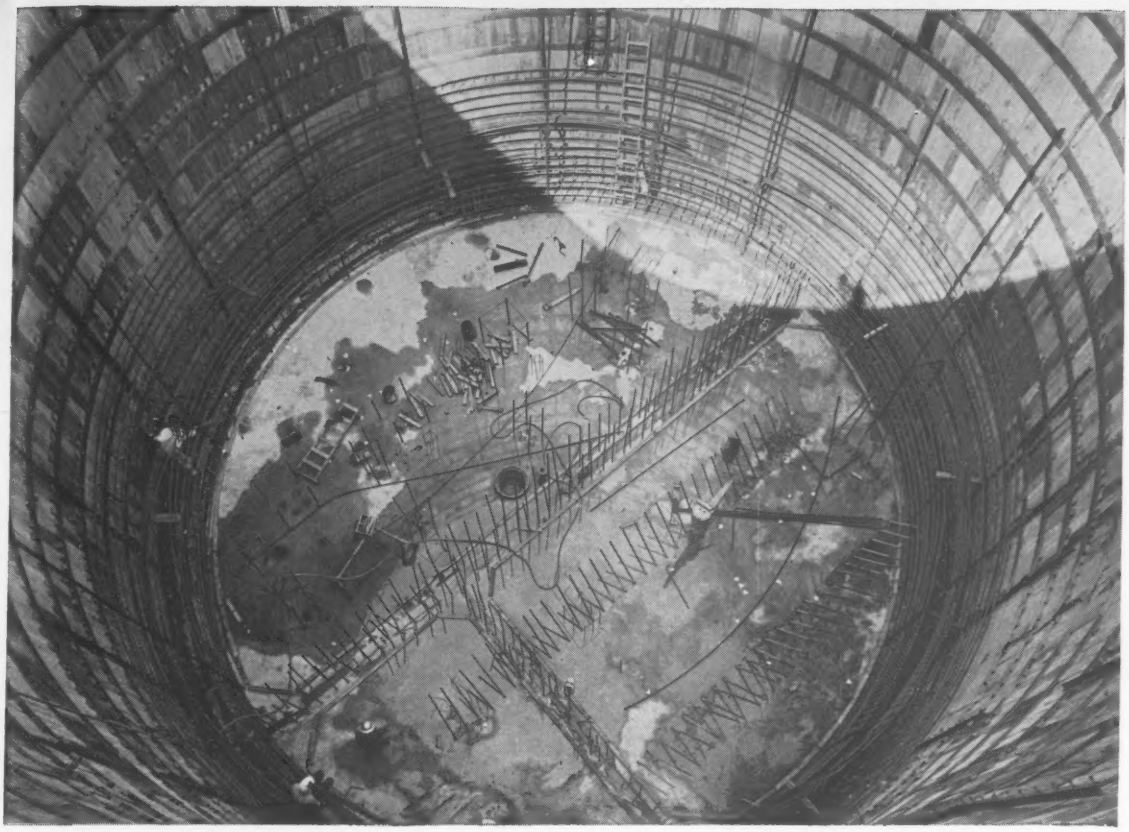
Change prices for backfill were included in the bidding.

RCP Alternate	Material	Labor
1 Anderson Bros., Rockford	$101,674	$40,890
2 Chas. Ind Co., Rockford	103,240	46,400

CMP Alternate	Material	Labor
1 Armco Drainage & Metal Products, Inc., Middletown, Ohio	$70,377	$42,920
2 Hopkins Road Equipment Co., Dixon	85,990	nb
3 Chas. Ind Co., Rockford	86,768	37,120

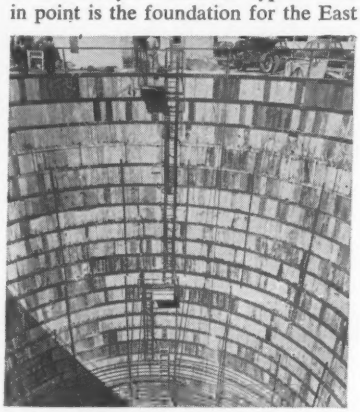
RC Box Culvert (Contract)	Combined
1C Cardinal Constr. Co., Rockford	$112,056
2 Shappert Engr. Co., Belvidere, Ill.	115,002
6 Anderson Bros., Rockford	157,180

Structure Base Bid	Unit	Quantity	Low Bidder	Second Bidder	High Bidder
1 RCP, 132"ϕ, furn & del	lf	1,160	$87.65	$89.00	$89.00
2 install*	lf	1,160	35.25	40.00	40.00
Total 1 & 2			$122.90	$129.00	$129.00
*incl 10,050 cy gran trench bkfl, truck meas; also all excav. Change price, bkfl	cy		$2.00	$0.50	$0.50
3 CMP, 132"ϕ, furn & del	lf	1,160	$60.67#	$74.13	$74.80
4 install*	lf	1,160	37.00#	nb	32.00
Total 3 & 4			$97.67#		$106.80
*incl 9,170 cy gran trench bkfl, truck meas; also all excav. Change price, bkfl	cy		$1.10		$0.50
#Less 7% if awarded both					
Box Culvert, RC incl 6,720 cy gran bkfl, truck meas; also all excav, forming, st setting, conc work.	lf		$96.60	$99.14	$135.50
Change price, bkfl	cy		$1.35	$1.00	$2.00



New open shaft, ring waler construction bottoms-out in 29 days

Open shaft construction made possible through the use of COMMERCIAL steel ring walers is proving to be an important boon to time-conscious contractors concerned with sub-grade foundation jobs. Another typical case in point is the foundation for the East Nine Mile Pumping Station in the City of Warren, Michigan.



72-FT. DEEP EXCAVATION is shored by 24 nine-segment COMMERCIAL steel ring walers and wood lagging.

Sunk in hard ground of stiff, moist blue clay, the lined open shaft for the foundation—72′ deep with an inside diameter of 55′ 10″—was bottomed-out and concreted by the Greenfield Construction Company in just 29 days. And according to James F. Peters, Field Engineer for Greenfield Construction, "COMMERCIAL steel ring walers, and the open shaft construction they made possible, were a most important factor in the on-schedule completion of our foundation project."

Unusual? Definitely yes when you consider that caisson-type construction used for foundations in this area in the past has frequently involved delays of months and even years because of soils too hard to allow caissons to pass.

Field Engineer Peters commented, in fact, that, "The ground on our particular project was so hard that I feel if we had used a caisson as originally planned it would have 'hung up' at a depth of approximately 25 feet."

The use of COMMERCIAL steel ring walers also eliminated the need for outside forms on the concrete for the project since the rings (set 3′ center-to-center) and wood lagging served as a form. The close tolerance fabrication (dimensions to + or – 3/8″) of the walers, their easy handling, and still easier installation, not only helped speed progress on the job but involved the services of only four men for actual installation.

For the full story on how COMMERCIAL steel ring walers can work to your time-saving advantage on open shaft or open pit construction for foundations—whether they be large or small—be sure to send for your copy of descriptive Bulletin 300-P1. Address inquiries to Commercial Shearing & Stamping Co., Dept. E-5, Youngstown 1, Ohio.

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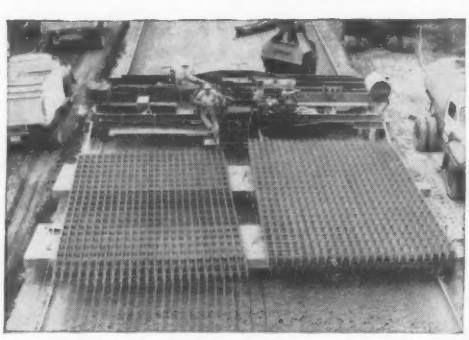
Contractors are setting new records in the biggest highway construction program in history. Advanced engineering and new techniques are helping them to accelerate schedules in laying down slab with a backbone of steel.

Sheffield was tuned to this tempo long before it started. Plant expansion was underway before the national highway program was out of the planning stage.

Today Sheffield is meeting the highway program's demand for welded wire fabric wherever and whenever it is called for.

Whether you're working on the highway program or other construction, you can be sure of on-schedule-delivery of Sheffield steel products. Get in touch with your nearest Sheffield office. Our strategic plant locations are in your favor.



A New Welded Wire Fabric Application Technique — being adopted by contractors across the nation is this pouring train trailer. Here on Kansas Interstate Highway 35, stacks of welded wire fabric are loaded on the trailer by traveling crane. When the train is underway, only one man is needed to unbalance the sheet and start it into position. The slow job of carrying steel from road shoulder by four men is eliminated.

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STRUCTURAL CLAY BUILDING TILE, BRICK AND LIME—DELIVERED

	STRUCTURAL CLAY TILE PARTITION — SCORED Per M. lots of 2,000 pieces or over, 3x12x12 In.	4x12x12 In.	8x12x12 In.	STRUCTURAL CLAY TILE — LOAD BEARING — SCORED Per M. lots of 2,000 pieces or over, 8x12x12 In.	10x12x12 In.	12x12x12 In.	BRICK Per M. In quantity Common backing	Straight hard	LIME Per ton, In paper, Carload lot, Hydrated finishing	Common hydrated	Pulverized or lump
Atlanta	$149.00p	$149.90p	$299.80p	$334.55p	.....	.....	$30.50p	$32.70p	$33.00hhR	$25.00hhR	$25.00hh
Baltimore	217.00	231.00	434.00	491.00	602.00	690.00	36.00k	41.00k	35.60	23.20	.....
Birmingham	135.00p	152.00p	.....	303.00p	376.00p	465.00p	27.00ff	38.00jj	35.02	22.30	26.33g
Boston	232.00†	248.00†	463.25†	556.00†	.....	.....	41.50p	56.50p	39.20†	31.20†	.....
Chicago	135.00	145.00	280.00	.....	.....	.....	30.00	32.00	38.00	35.20o	.....
Cincinnati	205.00j	225.00j	296.00jdd	213.00j	288.00j	314.00j	48.75j	47.00j	28.00j	24.50j	28.00j
Cleveland	200.00	213.00	.....	438.00	.....	.....	40.00	43.00gg	32.75	28.00p	.....
Dallas	152.00	152.00	300.00	364.50	446.25	552.50	27.50f	49.00	41.80	24.58	28.50
Denver	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.50	49.50	46.00p	42.00p	46.00p
Detroit	242.00R	258.00R	483.00R	548.00	727.00R	827.00R	47.50p	48.00p	38.00	30.00	40.00
Kansas City	158.00	158.00	312.00	312.00	400.00	500.00	33.00	33.00	36.26	34.26	29.76
Los Angeles	r	r	r	r	r	r	32.00§	.....	38.00	38.00ii	39.00ii
Minneapolis	192.00p	215.00p	437.00p	215.00pw	.....	.....	45.60rp	54.00yp	47.00bbe	37.00bbe	49.00bbde
Montreal	170.00ss	178.00ss	325.00ss	270.00q	400.00q	.....	48.25b	56.30b	39.00	22.00	13.25
New Orleans	186.00	186.00	380.00	380.00	.....	.....	42.00	55.00	44.00	32.00	32.00
New York	176.90h	188.70h	283.00ch	285.50hn	.....	.....	44.00p	.....	40.00p	37.00p	.....
Philadelphia	169.00	180.20	337.90	405.00	.....	.....	30/34	38/42	27.60	25.60	3.17m
Pittsburgh	147.50t	157.50t	295.00t	335.00t	435.00t	500.00t	39.00t	46.00t	36.00t	31.00t	.....
St. Louis	172.00s	180.00p	375.00p	401.00p	459.00	621.50	41.50l	43.00	0.95aa	.80aa	1.35z
San Francisco	156.85*	177.10*	235.30dd*	.....	.....	.....	43.00*	43.00*	29.24	29.24	31.74
Seattle	235.00p	270.00p	490.00p	265.00pw	.....	.....	48.00	62.00	52.00bb	38.00bb	4.50mbb
Toronto	158.00	173.00	336.00	263.00f	378.00	.....	35.00	63.00	36.00	33.50	31.50

•§ F.o.b. yard. •• F.o.b. plant Stockton. •† F.o.b. yard Roxbury. •a Smooth. •b $4.50 del. •c 8 x 12 x 12 in.-6 cell. •d Pulverized hot. •e less 5% disc., 10th. •f 8 x 8 x 12. •g Lumps, $26.72. •h F.o.b. trucks, job site N.Y.C. •i 60 lb sacks. •j Truck load or over. •k $1.00 discount. •l Red face. •m Per bbl., 180 lb. processed. •n 7¾ x 7¾ x 12. •o Masonry double hydrated pressure. •p Truck lots. •q Provincial and Municipal tax extra. •r Not used; earthquake danger. •s 8 x 16 x 12. •t less 2% disc., cash. •u Incl. Federal tax. •v Sand lime. •w 5 x 8 x 12. •y Chi common. •z Pebble; 80 lb sack. •aa 50 lb sack. •bb LCL. •dd 6 x 12 x 12. •ff 80% common. •gg Smooth. •hh less 25¢ disc., cash. •ii F.o.b. plant. •jj rough; smooth; $40. •R Revised. ‡ Typo. error showed incorrect $7.50 price last month.

PAINT, ROOFING—F. O. B. CARLOAD LOTS

	RED LEAD Per 100 lb. In 600-lb. (Approx.) bbl. F.O.B. Plant Dry a C	WHITE LEAD Per 100 lb. In 100 lb. cases In oil w	READY-MIXED PAINT Per gal., drums Graphite b	Aluminum c	Ferric Oxide d	ROOFING SUPPLIES; Carload lots f.o.b. factory Rolls, slate surfaced, 65–90 lb. per sq.	Asphalt felt, per 100 lb.	Tar felt, per 100 lb.	Asphalt coating per gal.	Tar pitch 360 lb. bbl. per ton
Atlanta	$14.25	$30.125	$3.59	$3.86	$3.31	$2.35HR	$2.15HR	$2.62	$0.67	$57.75
Baltimore	14.25	29.75	3.00	4.40	3.50	2.78	4.25	4.25	.48	54.25
Birmingham	14.25	30.125	3.90	3.40	....	3.09†	2.29ii†	2.29ii†	.80ff	45.00ee
Boston	14.25	29.75	....	....	....	3.81g	2.56g	2.83g	.50g	58.00g
Chicago	14.25	29.75	....	....	....	4.05u	3.02o	3.32o	46.00bbo	57.70‡
Cincinnati	14.25	29.75	....	....	....	2.50	2.02o	2.42o	.428y	55.96
Cleveland	14.25	29.75	2.4805pgg	3.296gg	2.901gg	3.51q	2.44o	2.85o	.58y	49.00gg
Dallas	14.25	30.50	....	3.25B	....	3.00u	3.00o	3.00o	.470	66.00hh
Denver	14.25	30.25	3.98	5.20	3.70	2.92	2.20o	2.80o	.48ff	50.00
Detroit	14.25	29.75	2.70	3.95	2.70	3.11	2.23o	2.42o	.51ff	49.00
Kansas City	14.25	30.50	3.99	3.43	3.01	3.58ii	2.61o	2.61o	.71y	.....
Los Angeles	14.25	30.00	3.30n	4.50n	4.20n	3.20n	2.15nii	l	.70ny	l
Minneapolis	14.25	29.88/29.75	.....	.....	.....	3.09	2.52hi	2.42hi	.442i	50.00r
Montreal	.....	24.05	5.02Dfft	5.94zfft	4.65kfft	5.40	4.65f	4.65f	1.60	4.40I
New Orleans	.....	.....	....	....	....	2.78	1.98	2.85	0.680	.....
New York	14.25	29.75	....	....	....	3.10	1.87o	2.45o	.438s	49.00*
Philadelphia	14.25	29.75	3.60	3.40/3.65	3.50/4.00	3.00/3.30	2.54o	2.54o	.37/.45	48/54
Pittsburgh	14.25	29.75	2.20ifF	2.25ifF	2.25ifG	3.37s	2.59s	.....	.45	.....
St. Louis	14.25	29.75	....	....	....	3.27iis	2.39hh	2.85hh	.428y	62.00
San Francisco	14.25	30.00	3.20	4.30	3.50	2.95	1.97aaii	3.10	.46jf	54.00
Seattle	14.25	30.25	3.47	4.19ccff	....	4.02gcc	3.50hcc	.....	.55cc	51.40cc
Toronto	.....	.....	5.00	5.75	5.50	5.15	4.00aas	2.90o	1.25f	55.00A

•† Delivered. • Note: Red lead in oil 50% higher than white lead in oil. •• Aver. wt. approx. 425 to 550 lb drums. •a Red lead prices change frequently due to pig lead price changes. Current price eff. 1/22/59. Previous price: $15.25, eff. 10/14/58. •b U.S. War Dept. Spec. 3-49A. •c ASTM Spec. D266-31. •d 80% minimum ferric oxide. •e Per 108 sf roll. •f Per 432 sq ft. •g F.o.b. yard Roxbury. •h Per roll, 65 lb. •i Net carload prices, Minneapolis and vicinity. •j 45 gal containers. •k Over 80% ferric oxide. •l Not used. •n F.o.b. city. •o Per 60 lb roll. •p 6-drum, 50 gal each. •q Per 90-lb roll. •r F.o.b. factory, Chicago. •s Truckload. •t Incl. Federal tax. •u Per 90-lb square. •v Per ton. •w Eff. 10/54 price to contractors $1.25 less. •x Ready-mixed. •y 55-gal container. •z Drums. •aa 15 lb. •bb Roofers coating and cement. •cc LCL, truck delivery. •ee Asphalt pitch in 100 lb package. •ff 5-gal drums. •gg F.o.b. factory. •hh Incl. freight. •ii Per 324 sf roll. •jj Asbestos roof coating. •A 400 lb barrels. •B ASTM Spec. D962-49. •C 95%. •D Std. black. •‡ Milt. spec.: E TTP27; F TTV81; G TTP31. •H less 2% disc., cash. •I Per 100 lb. •R revised.

PLASTER, VERMICULITE AND METAL BUILDING SHEETS & TUBING

	PLASTER‡ Neat per ton	Gauging per ton	VERMICULITE‡ Home Insulation pellets	Plaster aggregate	Concrete Aggregate Untreated (per bag of 4 cu ft)	PERLITE‡ Plaster Aggregate	Concrete Aggregate Untreated	ALUMINUM SHEETC† Flat .102" th 36"x96" & 48"x144" per lb|t	Corr roof .032" th 35"x12' per shu	STAINLESS STEEL† SHEET-TYPE 302g 20 ga 48"x96–120" per cwthh	28 ga 36"x120" per cwtmm	COPPER WATER* TUBING-TYPE L 2000 ft lots per ft ⅜"b	½"c
Atlanta	$31.50nnR	$37.50nnR	$1.55nn	$1.65nn	$1.80alnn	$1.65	$1.65	$0.440nR	$8.83nR	$65.68nrrR	$74.43nrrR	$16.74fzz	$23.41fzz
Baltimore	23.80	34.60	0.95	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.65	0.487	0.489r	64.70	73.45	0.1674	0 2371
Birmingham	33.00	39.00	1.55	1.55	1.80l	1.55	1.55l	0.458d	10.48	65.34	76.09	0.1702ss	0 2360ss
Boston	22.00	30.00	1.40	1.40	1.45	1.45	1.50	0.462	29.35p	65.42dd	71.92ddff	0.1702ss	0 2380ss
Chicago	26.80	26.80	1.55	1.60	1.60l	1.60	1.60	0.506x	10.294a	65.15ee	73.90ee	0.1702	0 2380
Cincinnati	23.85*	23.85*	1.75*	1.75*	1.75*	1.85	1.90	0.434	9.56	65.28	74.03ff	0.1680ss	0.2315ss
Cleveland	28.00	45.00	1.13k	1.16ii	1.24l	1.45	1.45	0.458aa	8.48	65.33oo	74.08oo	17.02ft	23.80ft
Dallas	30.65	32.65	1.07	1.23	1.32	1 21	1.32	0.484	0.517r	65.00	78.00	0.1520	0.2170
Denver	27.00	27.00	1.50	1.40	1.50	1.40	1.55	0.462	10.28	65.32gg	76.09gg	0.1772	24.69
Detroit	28.00	28.00	1.27	1.31	1.40	1.43k	1.50k	0.452a	10.196a	65.15a	79 90a	0.2380f	0 27
Kansas City	30.00	35.00	1.14	1.18	1.26l	1.18	....	0.444	23.20gg	67.50	76.25	17.02f	23.80f
Los Angeles	27 00	28.00	1.25k	1.20k	1.25	1.06	1.10	0.486	10.543d	67.02	75.77	0.1702	0 2380
Minneapolis	35.00	35.00	1.55	1.70	1.80	1.40	1.40	0.468	16.23w	65.71	73.21ff	0.1702f	0.2380
Montreal	27.60h	35.60k	1.25	1.40	1.50	1.15y	1.15y	43.95A	12.10	64.75	.....	0.1827	0.2160
New Orleans	34.00	48.00	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	0.50	8.715	71.50	72.45	0.1702	0.2380
New York	25.25	31.25	1.35	1.30	1.50	1.40	1.40	0.493ad	10.929a	68.58aB	77.33aB	17.02f	23.80f
Philadelphia	23/25	32.00	1.35	1.35	1.40l	1.05	1.05qq	0.44a	9.46a	66/68a	75/77a	15.62	21.76f
Pittsburgh	30.00nn	33.00nn	1.60nn	1.50nn	1.35	1.73	1.73	0.452	9.46	64.00	76.25pp	0.1702	0.1680
St. Louis	29.00	40.00	1.35	1 60ff	1.55	1.60	1.60	0.452	10.28	65.61	72.11y	17.02fmss	21.42fmss
San Francisco	29.50	30.50	1.38	1.38	1 50	1.38o	1.58o	0.502	9 05	67.10	73.60	0.1702	0.2380
Seattle	42.40	45.60	1.55	1.25k	1.85l	1.50k	....	0.51322	9.90	67.02	75.77	0.1680	0.1876
Toronto	28.00	45.50	1.25	1.35	1.40	....	1.55	0.3995	24.75ss	73.74	86.52	0.2777	0.3046uu

‡truckiots, delivered †fob warehouse *fob city •a delivered •b ½" O.D. •c ⅝" O.D. •d 0.100"th •e 34" x 60" sheet •f per 100 ft •g 5 tons & up; cold roll, anneal & pickled 2B finish •h incl. Federal tax •i add 25c for pint of additive •j 1100 & 3003 alloy, mill finish •k bag of 3 cu ft •l treated with air entraining agent •m 2-10M ft •n fob mill fr equalized with nearest stocking competitor •o 250 sacks or more •p 100 sq ft •r per lb •s 30 lb bag •t 36" x 96;–10.81 lb/sh; 48" x 144"; 21.7 lb/sh •u 19.31 lb/sh •v fob plant •w 48" x 144" •x 100th •y 27 gauge •aa 16M lb & up •dd add $1.00 cwt boxing •ee 4 tons & up •ff 26 ga •gg add $2/cwt boxing; $0.75/cwt on skids •hh Theoretical wt for 48" x 96"; 60.4-lb, per sh •ii 300-bag lots •jj 100-lb bag •mm Theoretical wt: 19.7-lb per sh •nn 2% cash. •oo skid packed •pp type 304 •qq Philadelphia and suburbs. •rr less 2% disc. 15 days. •ss less 2% disc. 10 days. •tt less 2% disc. 10th. •uu add 2% sales [illegible] •xx less ½% disc. 10 days. •yy .021 ga. •zz .061" th. •A Per 100 lb. •B crated. •C 15M lb.

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HOURLY WAGE RATES—Base rate + fringe benefits

	Bricklayers	Carpenters	Struct. Iron Workers	Hoisting Engineers	Plasterers	Electrical Workers	Steamfitters	Common Labor: Building	Common Labor: Heavy Const	Truck drivers: 1½ T	Truck drivers: under 4 cy	Truck drivers: over 4 cy
Atlanta	$3.75	$3.10	$3.15+7½[d]	$3.225	$3.25	$3.50+10[e]	$3.35+20[d,ee]	$1.75	$1.75	$1.75	$1.85	$2.10
Baltimore	3.95+10[d]	3.20+7½[d]	3.90+7½[d]	3.80/3.95+10[d,q]	3.60+7½[d]	3.425+7½[d]	3.30+7½[d]	2.05+7½[d]	2.05+7½[d]	2.00+7½[d]	2.00+7½[d]	2.10+7½[HH]
Birmingham	3.85	2.95	3.35+10[d,ff]	2.77[s]	3.17	3.425	3.40+10[d,ff]	1.75	1.85	1.83	2.02[PP]	2.35[QQ]
Boston	3.80+20[d]	3.40+10[d]	3.90+20[m]	3.77½+10[f]	3.65+35[d]	3.70+12½[g]	3.20+10[d]	2.55+7[d]	2.60+7[d]	2.455[tt]	2.45[QQ]	2.65[PP]
Chicago	3.87½+7½[d]	3.65+20[m]	4.00+15[d]	3.55+5[d]	3.70+23[d]	3.90+12[d]	3.75+22[d,ee]	2.77½+7½[d]	2.77½+7½[d]	2.46+15[d,ccc]	....	....
Cincinnati	3.85	3.57½	3.60+10[d]	3.375/3.60	3.62½	3.82+4[g,N]	3.80+9½[d]	2.62½	2.525	2.45+2½[LL]	2.55+2½[LL]	2.65+2½[LL]
Cleveland	3.955+10[d]	3.80	3.70+10[d]	3.80	3.80	3.95	3.70+19[d,T]	3.15	3.065	2.75+10[d]	2.75+10[g]	2.75+10[g]
Dallas	3.675	3.175	3.30+7½[d]	3.325	3.625+13[ee]	3.375+7½[g]	3.45+8½[d]	1.70	1.70	1.70/2.625[PP]	1.70/2.625[PP]	1.70/2.625[PP]
Denver	3.75	3.34	3.175+7½[d]	3.05	3.475+12½[d,kk]	3.60+14[g]	3.55+10[d]	2.17	2.17	2.30	2.40	2.55
Detroit	3.77+38[jj]	3.40+40[g]	3.75+22½[P]	3.47+25[k]	3.66+34½[ee]	3.80+35½[C]	3.73½+14[B]	2.65+33[g]	2.80+10[d]	2.80	2.80	2.80
Kansas City	3.85	3.325	3.40	3.345	3.625	3.60+28[C]	3.60+9½[ee]	2.355	2.405	2.33	2.33[rr]	2.405[ss]
Los Angeles	3.85+10[k,hh]	3.375+20[ee]	3.85+20½[k,hh]	3.41+10[d]	4.00+30[jj]	4.15+4[g,N]	3.89+38½[f]	2.68+10[d]	2.68+10[d]	2.83+20[QQ]	2.83+20[QQ]	3.01+20[QQ]
Minneapolis	3.725	3.30	3.47	3.30	3.40+23[d,G]	3.38+37[e,n]	3.42+20[e]	2.55	2.70	2.55	2.55[g]	2.70[t]
New Orleans	3.525+5[d]	3.00	3.30+7½[d]	3.125+7½[d]	3.12+5[d]	4.475+7½[g]	3.40+15[e]	1.75	1.75	2.475+7½[d]	2.475+7½[d]	2.475+7½[d]
New York	4.65+43[d,hr]	4.10+34½[d,J]	4.45+46[g]	4.45+36[d,kk]	4.35+52[d,A]	3.90+51[e,P]	4.40+48[d,hL]	3.10+25[d,V]	3.10+25[d,V]	2.35+22½[CC]	3.15+23½[BB]	3.15+23½[BB]
Philadelphia	4.00+17[d]	3.635	4.75+23½[M]	2.595/4.23	4.075+16[d]	4.07½+16[m]	4.10+16½[g]	2.65	2.35	....	2.57/+15½[ccc]	....
Pittsburgh	4.20+20[m,ff]	3.675+15[ff]	4.00+20[m]	3.64+10[d]	3.825+20[m]	4.35+32½[d]	4.00+20[m]	2.45+20[m]	2.30+20[m]	2.37+20[m]	2.51+20[m]	2.61+20[m]
St. Louis	4.05+32[c]	3.575+10[c]	3.60+7½[c]	3.675[t]	3.80+7½[m]	3.95½+29.8[d]	3.92½+27½[e]	2.625+10[c]	2.625+10[c]	2.725+7½[ccc]	2.725+7½[ccc]	2.75+7½[ccc]
San Francisco	4.10+42½[d,dd]	3.30+32½[m,m]	3.85+20[m]	3.405+10[c]	3.74+52½[ee]	3.91+34½[C]	3.70+46[e,k]	2.685+10[c]	2.685+10[c]	2.81+10[c]	2.75+10[c]	2.89+10[c]
Seattle	4.09+10[d]	3.32+10[d]	3.40+10[d]	3.29+20[m]	3.57+30[g]	3.65+26[d,k]	3.81+24[T]	2.85+10[d]	2.85+10[d]	2.87+17½[QQQQ]	2.87+17½[QQ]	3.07+17½[QQ]
Montreal	2.30+5[g]	2.10+5[g]	2.25+4[g]	2.00+4[g]	2.35+5[g]	2.20+5[g]	2.32+5[g]	1.50+3[g]	1.50+3[g]	1.50+3[g]	1.50+3[g]	1.50+3[g]
Toronto	2.95+12[g]	2.65+11[g]	2.55+10[g]	2.75+11[g]	2.80+19[jj]	3.05+12[g]	2.95+12[jj]	1.70+7[g]	1.70+7[g]	1.80+7[g]	1.80+7[g]	1.80+7[g]

	Tractor Operators Incl. bulldozers: 34-49 hp	70-100 hp	100 & over	Tractor scraper 15-16 cy	Power cranes & shovels: ½ cy	¾ cy	Motor grader oper	Air comp oper	Air tool oper
Atlanta	$2.75	$2.90	$2.90	$2.75	$3.275	$3.425	$2.75	$2.675	$1.87
Baltimore	3.40/3.55+10[d,o]	3.40/3.55+10[d,o]	3.40/3.55+10[d,o]	3.40/3.55+10[d,o]	3.80/3.95+10[d,o]	3.80/3.95+10[d,o]	3.40/3.55+10[d,o]	2.85/3.00+10[d,o]	2.10+7½[d]
Birmingham	2.79	2.79	2.79	2.93	2.93	2.93	2.80	2.52[N,N]	1.90
Boston	3.40+10[d,s]	3.40+10[d,s]	3.40+10[d,s]	3.7750+10[d,s]	3.775+10[d]	3.775+10[d]	3.40+10[d]	3.325+10[d]	2.60+7[d,bb]
Chicago	3.30/3.45+5[d]	3.30/3.45+5[d]	3.30/3.45+5[d]	3.30+5[d]	3.90+5[d]	3.90+5[d]	3.50+5[d]	3.40+5[d]	3.55+5[g]
Cincinnati	3.375	3.375	3.375	3.375	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60
Cleveland	3.64	3.64	3.64	3.64	3.89	3.89	3.64	3.515	3.515
Dallas	1.70/2.625[PP]	1.70/2.625[PP]	1.70/2.625[PP]	1.70/2.625[PP]	3.05	3.05	1.70/2.625[PP]	1.85	1.85
Denver	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	3.05	3.05	2.90	2.90	2.45
Detroit	3.80+10[d]	3.80+10[d]	3.80+10[d]	3.80+10[d]	3.80+10[d]	3.80+10[d]	3.80+10[d]	3.195+10[d]	2.78+25[d,KK]
Kansas City	3.65	3.10[e]	3.10[e]	3.10[e]	3.345	3.345	3.10	3.10[ww]	2.45
Los Angeles	3.71+10[d]	3.71+10[d]	3.71+10[d]	3.81+10[d]	3.81+10[d]	3.81+10[d]	3.81+10[d]	2.93+10[d]	2.89+10[d]
Minneapolis	3.08	3.30[e]	....	3.30	3.52[e]	3.783[e]	3.08	2.97	2.70
New Orleans	3.125+7½[d]	3.125+7½[d]	3.125+7½[d]	3.125+7½[d]	3.125+7½[d]	3.125+7½[d]	3.125+7½[d]	2.475+7½[d]	1.85
New York	3.825+31[d,V]	3.825+31[d,V]	3.825+31[d,V]	3.95+32[d,V]	4.70+38[d,V]	4.70+38[d,V]	3.95+32[d,V]	3.95+32[d,V,ww]	3.55+18[d,MM]
Philadelphia	2.595/4.23+10[d,e]			2.595/4.23+10[d,e]	2.595/423+10[d,e]		2.595/4.23+10[d,e]	2.595/4.23+10[d,e]	2.35
Pittsburgh	3.44+10[d,e]	3.44+10[d,e]	3.44+10[d,e]	3.44+10[d,e]	3.64+10[d,e]	3.64+10[d,e]	3.64+10[d,e]	3.15+10[d,e]	2.30+20[m]
St. Louis	3.675[t]	3.675[t]	3.675[t]	3.675[t]	3.675[t]	3.675[t]	3.675[t]	3.125[t]	3.125[t]
San Francisco	3.70+10[c]	3.70+10[c]	3.70+10[c]	3.70+10[c]	3.85+10[c]	3.85+10[c]	3.75+10[c]	3.10+10[c]	2.955+10[c]
Seattle	3.26+20[m]	3.26+20[m]	3.26+20[m]	3.26+20[m]	3.63+20[m]	3.63+20[m]	3.35+20[m]	2.99+20[m]	2.90+10[d]
Montreal	1.70+4[g]	1.93+4[g]	1.93+4[g]	1.93+4[g]	2.19+5[g]	2.19+5[g]	1.93+4[g]	1.80+4[g]	1.80+4[g]
Toronto	2.15+9[g]	2.25+9[g]	2.25+9[g]	2.25+9[g]	2.75+11[g]	2.75+11[g]	2.25+9[g]	2.30+9[g]	2.30+9[g]

ENR Skilled Average (Bricklayers, Carpenters, Iron Workers): $3.791, ENR Common Average $2.504
R: revised.

•a 6 hr day. •b 7 hr day. •c 5% vac. stamp fund plus 12¢ WF for bricklayers; 4% VF for electricians plus 10¢ WF, 1% PF. •d H & WF. •e 10¢ H & W, 10¢ VF. •f 10¢ H & W. 7½¢ VF. •g 2¢ Ed, 7½¢ H & W. •h 7½¢ WF, 1¢ AF •i WF. •j Inc. 4% VF; 1% PF pd by employer. •k 10¢ WF, 10¢ VP, 5¢ HP. •l 4% VF. •m 10¢ WF, 10¢ PF. •n 7% V & Hol., 3% H & W, 1% PF. •o lower rates, straight time; other broken. •p 3% WF, 3% PF+10¢ in lieu of pd. hol. •q 10¢ WF, 6% V & H, 3% PF. •r 4% WF, 20¢ PF. •s 5% W & PF, 4% VF, 1% NC 1% JI, plus 6 PH. •t Inc. 10¢ WF. •u 10¢ WF, 1% PF, ½% apprent. •v 1 drum; 2 drums, 2.93. •w 20¢ VF, 17½¢ PF, 3¢ Prom., 12¢ W. •x VF. •y 2-axle. •z 10¢ WF, 3% HP, 15¢ V & H. •A 15¢ WF, 15¢ PF, 20¢ BF. •B 7½¢ VP, 5¢ PF, 1½¢ Ed. F. •C 10¢ H & W & ins., 7% V & H. •D 4% VF, 10% WF, 1% PF. •E 20¢ WF, 30¢ VF. •F Plus $4 per day annuity contrib. •G 10¢ WF, 10¢ VF, 3¢ prom. •H 10¢ WF, 10¢ VP, 3% PF, 2% PH. •I 5¢ H & WF, 5¢ advtg. •J 5% WF, 6 PH, 3% PF. •K 7½¢ WF, 2½¢ AF. •L 3% WF, 3% PF, 3% VF, 1% Ed. F. •M 15½¢ WF, 7½¢ PF. •N 1% PF. •O 10¢ WF, 1% PF, 4¢ AF, 10¢ VF. •P 10¢ H ins., 7½¢ PF, 5¢ VF. •Q 2 drums; 1 drum $3.10/3.25+10¢ WF. •R 10¢ H & WF, 2¢ admin. 1¢ apprent. •S 5¢ H & WF, 7¢ PF. •T H & W, VF. •U 10¢ WF, 4% VF, 1% PF, 5¢ Ind. F. •V 4% WF, 4% PF. •W 7½¢ WF, 1½¢ Ed. F. •X 7½¢ WF, 15¢ VF, 3½¢ PF. •Y 10¢ H & W. 9¢ PF. •Z intermediate. •aa 7¢ WF, 15. PF. •bb roads, jackhammer; bldg: $3.325+10¢. •cc less than 2-T. •dd 17½¢ WF, 20¢ PF, 10¢ PH, 5¢ Jt Bd. •ee $2.25/wk WF, $2/wk PF. •ff 10¢ H & W, 5¢ PF. •gg 6-8 cy. •hh 7½¢ H & WF, 5¢ indus. prom. •ii 4% WF, 4% PF, 6 PH. •jj 2% VF. •kk 10¢ HW, 10¢ P, ½¢ AF. •ll 10¢ HW, 10¢ PF, 5¢ Trust F, 5¢ Trade Prom. •mm 10¢ W, 20¢ 2½¢ Gen. Ben. •nn 7½¢ WF, 2¢ EF. •oo 10¢ WF, 3¢ EF. •pp higher rates are union, other taken from min. wage approved by County Comm. Court. •qq flatbed. •rr under 10 cy. •ss over 10 cy. •vv 7½¢ H & W, 7½¢ P, 5¢ Ed. F. •ww single. •xx 7½¢ H&W, 8¢ PF. •yy 7½¢ H&W, 10¢ PF. •BB 3% WF, 2% PF. •CC up to 7500 # chassis, 11¢ WF, 11½¢ PF, 11 PH. •FF 1½ to 3 T. •GG 5 tons & over: $2.22. •HH 5¢ H&W, 2½¢ PF. •JJ Incl. 2% VF. •KK 10¢ H&W, 10¢ PF, 5¢ VP. •LL plus $2.25 wk WF. •MM 5% WF, 6 PH. •NN heavy constr: $2.93. •OO 10 wh. 3-axle. •PP Euclid. QQ 10¢ H&W, 10¢ P

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	GYPSUM PLASTER BOARD tapered edge per Msq ft ½"	⅝"	GYPSUM BOARD LATH plain or perf per Msq ft ⅜" x 16" x 48"	GYPSUM SHEATHING tongue & groove per Msq ft ½" x 2' x 8'	FIBER BOARD SHEATHING asph impreg & coat per Msq ft ½" sq ed	½" T&G	FIBER BOARD INSULATION sq edge, paint per Msq ft ½"	MINERAL WOOL INSULATION loose, per 40-lb bag a	3" batts per M sf	GLASS FIBER INSULATION loose, per 40-lb bag a	3" batts per M sf	ALUMINUM FOIL 60# Kraft 1 side foil per roll of 250 s. f.	Expansible Blanket 2 layers foil per Msq ft
Atlanta	$65.00	$55.00	$42.00	$65.00	$68.00	$127.00	$70.00	$1.59[z]	$70.00	$2.00[bb]	$80.00	.....	.....
Baltimore	51.70[f]	45.55[f]	34.25[f]	55.35[f]	65.00[f]	108.50[f]	69.00[f]	1.30	66.50	1.50	45.00	$4.00[g]	$33.50
Birmingham	68.90	57.00	47.77	75.00	65.00	136.50	81.00	1.40	70.00	1.60	75.00	3.13[g]	.....
Boston	60.00[m]	50.00[m]	36.00[m]	60.00[m]	65.00[m]	120.00[m]	79.00[kn]	1.45[b]	75.00	....	73.00	5.30	53.50[g]
Chicago	67.00	54.00	45.00	62.00	87.00	123.00	87.00	1.85	80.00	....	63/65[d]	5.25[g]	.....
Cincinnati	48.00[w]	42.85[w]	32.05[w]	51.16[w]	70.00[w]	125.00[w]	72.50[w]	1.30	65.00	1.30	76.50	3.12[j]	50.00
Cleveland	62.00	56.50	41.50	65.00	75.00	125.00	80.00	1.35/1.50	72.00	....	55.00	17.50[u]	55.00
Dallas	55.00	52.50	42.50	60.00	68.75	118.00	68.75	2.00	62.25	1.45	66.15	4.50[g,A]	.....
Denver	62.00	54.50	41.00	62.00	75.90	126.00	74.90	1.50	65.00[u]	1.75[z]	65.00[a]	5.25	48.65[r]
Detroit	66.00	55.00	43.00	65.00	60.50	100.50	60.50	1.00[b]	55.00	1.95[b]	88.00	.....	.....
Kansas City	65.00	55.00	40.00	.....	72.00	115.00	75.00	1.40	75.00	2.00	75.08	3.60[d]	53.98[t]
Los Angeles	66.00	60.50	0.33[x]	64.50	75.00	125.00	80.00	76.00[Be]	83.00	1.35[z]	64.00	4.40[g]	.....
Minneapolis	75.00	65.00	0.41[x]	80.00	78.00	140.00	78.00	2.00[y]	80.00	1.80	80.00	5.50	.....
Montreal	56.00	47.40	36/39	53.00	63.25	.....	63.00	1.50	66.00	1.50	66.00	9.00[q]	56.00
New Orleans	60.00	50.00	43.00	60.00	75.00	140.00	72.50	2.00	65.00[w]	....	.....	.....	.....
New York	55.25	47.25	36.25	54.25	75.00	120.00	75.00	1.55[b]	68.50	....	68.50	4.38[i]	54.50[c]
Philadelphia	55/60	50/55	36.40	52/57	68/73	105/110	55/65	....	60/70	....	70/75	5.60/6.34	40/50
Pittsburgh	.....	65.00	40.00	.....	62.50	102.50	57.50	1.05[z]	55.00[z]	1.05[z]	55.00[z]	3.80[i,q]	38.50
St. Louis	67.00	56.50	40.00	70.00	76.50	121.50	80.00	1.35[y]	85.00	1.65	65.00	4.50[i,q]	.....
San Francisco	57.00	48.00	0.35[x]	58.00	68.00	109.00	67.00	1.60	66.50	1.60	66.50	4.95	55.00
Seattle	68.30	57.65	51.05	65.00	74.50	125.00	73.50	1.60[f]	72.00	1.90[e,p]	50.00[e,j]	4.25	46.50
Toronto	55.00	47.00	$8.00	64.50	75.00	.....	75.00	1.50	62.50	....	62.50	16.00[e]	46.00

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Skilled labor, carpenters 1 cl	3.25	3.25
bricklayers 1 cl	2.87	2.87
struct. ironworkers	4.38	4.38

Pesos, F.o.b. City	Dec. '58	Jan. '59
Struct. steel shapes, fob Monterrey		
I-beams, 3 x 3 x 4" per metric ton	2400	2400
Reinf. steel, corrugated rods, per ton		
⅜"-½" x 11 meters	2000	2200
¾"-1" x 11 meters	2000	2200

Gravel, truckload at 3½ cu meters	Dec. '58	Jan. '59
Blue gravel	84.00	98.00
Rose gravel	75.00	91.00
Cement, std' port. (Tolteca)	240.00	240.00
Lumber, ¾" pine per M ft.	2200.00	1900.00
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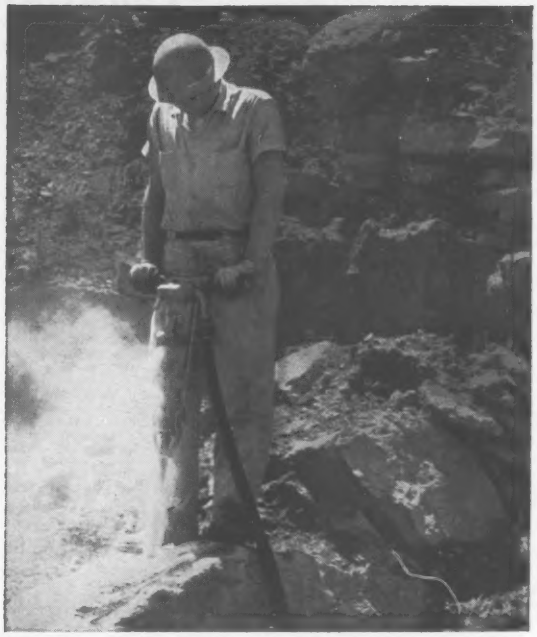

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▲ **Conn., New London**—HOUSING—BA 3/4—Dist. P. Wks., Third Naval Dist., 90 Church St., New York, N. Y., 500 units Capehart Housing, Submarine Base, Rte. 12, Groton. $9,000,000. CD 12/4.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **Perini Corp., 73 Montwait Ave., Framingham, Mass., Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc.,** 150 East 42nd St., New York, N. Y., **Walsh Constr.,** 711 Third Ave., New York, N. Y., LB $16,883,011 est. $16,400,000, Contr. 284 (1st section) Wachusett-Marlboro Tunnel, Clinton-Marlboro, Boylston, Berlin and Northboro, MASSACHUSETTS. Commonwealth of Mass., Constr. Div., Metropolitan Dist. Comn., 20 Somerset St., Boston, Mass. Bids Jan. 15. CD 12/4.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Fusco-Amatruda Co.,** 59 Amity Rd., New Haven, Conn., Owner Builds. $2,000,000, SHOPPING CENTER, Dixwell Ave., HAMDEN, CONN. CD 4/10/56, under Henry D. Peters, as owner.

▲ **Wexler Constr. Co.,** 118 Needham St., Newton Highlands, Mass., LB $3,078,000 (18 bidders), Albert I. Prince REGIONAL VOCATIONAL and TECHNICAL SCHOOL, Flatbush Ave., HARTFORD, CONN. State P. Wks. Dpt., 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Conn. Bids Jan. 21. CD 12/9.

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▲ **New York and New Jersey**—BA 2/24—Port of New York Auth., 111 Eighth Ave., New York, Zone 11, Phase 3, Contr. GWB-190.024, approach roadway sys. for lower level expansion of George Washington Bridge between Hoyt Ave. and Hudson River, Boro of Fort Lee, New Jersey, incl. utilities therefor. Plans deposit $100. CD 8/15/57.

▲† **Del., Dover**—OPERATIONAL FACILITIES—BA 2/25—U. S. Eng., 2635 Abbottsford Rd., Phila., Pa., bldgs., shops and utilities and paving. Dover Air Force Base, 36-109-59-27. $3,500,000. CD 9/9.

▲† **Pennsylvania**—MISSILE MASTER—Bids Asked—U. S. Eng., 924 New Federal Bldg., Pittsburgh, Missile Master for Pittsburgh Defense area, consisting of 1 story, 190x184 ft., rein.-con. AAOC bldg., 1 story, 90x70 ft., concrete masonry power generator bldg., 1 story, 92 ft. x 83 ft., concrete masonry ADC operations bldg., 1 story, 44 ft. x 33 ft., concrete masonry ADC squadron hdqrs. bldg., 4 arctic radar towers, 125,000 gal. 40 diam., 15 ft. high and 210,000 gal. 74 diam., 8 ft. high steel water storage tanks, incl. bit. paved access roads and parking areas, sidewalks, retaining walls, utility lines, water pumping station, fences, sewage disposal facility, misc. grading landscaping and site preparation work, all will be bisected by L.R. 02030 between Noblestown Rd. and Oakdale-Thomas Run Rd. in Collier Twp., Allegheny Co., approx. ¾ mi. from Oakdale-Thomas Run Rd. Intersection, ENG-36-058-59-20. $2,000,000-$5,000,000.

BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **N. Y., Brooklyn**—HOSPITAL—BA 2/4—Dpt. P. Wks., Municipal Bldg., New York, Zone 7, general constr., plumbing, heating and ventilating and electrical addn. and modernization Cumberland Hospital, Auburn Pl. and N. Portland Ave., Brooklyn Boro. Extended date. Plans deposit $40. CD 1/9.

▲ **Pa., Phila.**—DORMITORIES—BA 2/4—University of Pennsylvania, 3025 Walnut St., women's dormitories, $3,000,000. Eero Saarinen & Assoc., 91 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Mich., archts. Ammann & Whitney, 111 8th Ave., New York City, N. Y., engrs. CD 9/18.

▲ **Md., Jessup**—DIAGNOSTIC CENTER—BA 2/5—State Dpt. P. Imprvts., 506 Park Ave., Baltimore, Zone 1, masonry, steel, concrete block diagnostic center, Patuxent Institute. $2,000,000. Plans deposit $50. Lucius R. White, Jr., 1009 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Zone 2, archt. CD 3/12.

▲ **Pa., Chester**—WAREHOUSE—BA 2/10—Scott Paper Co., foot of Market St., warehouse addn. to Bldg. 68. $2,500,000. The Ballinger Co., 1625 Race St., Phila., archt.-engr. CD 10/13.

▲ **N. J., Scotch Plains**—SCHOOL—BA 2/11—Bd. Educ., Twp. of Scotch Plains, Fanwood, high school addn., Westfield Rd. $2,385,000. Micklewright & Mountford, E. Stuyvesant Ave., Trenton, archts. CD 12/10.

▲ **N. Y., Ithaca**—ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, etc.—BA 2/11—Bureau Contracts, Dpt. P. Wks., 12th Fl., State Office Bldg., Albany, general constr., Spec. No. 14599-C, heating, Spec. No. 14599-H, sanitary, Spec. No. 14599, electric, Spec. No. 14599, animal husbandry, incl. service connections, New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University. $4,000,000. Plans deposit $50, constr., $30 each for trades. CD 4/17.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **Gull Contg. Co., Inc.,** 33-15 Lawrence St., Flushing, N. Y., CA $1,882,930, constr. Section No. 2 of approach roadway sys. in New York for lower level expansion of George Washington Bridge, Contr. GWB-190.004, NEW YORK and NEW JERSEY. Port of New York Auth., 111 Eighth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. Bids Dec. 16. CD 12/19, under LB.

▲ **NEW YORK**—Dpt. P. Wks., State Office Bldg., Albany,

Grow Constr. Co., Inc., 313 W. 53rd St., New York 19, N. Y., CA $2,345,159, est. $2,702,000, grading, drainage and structural work 1.68 mi. four-lane divided concrete section Lake Ontario State Parkway and 1.6 mi. access and service roads from Dewey Ave. southeastward to Lake Ave., Rochester City, Monroe Co. Bids Nov. 20. CD 11/21, under LB.

▲ **Andrew Catapano & Co.,** 88-43 76th Ave., Glendale, N. Y., LB $7,156,066 (4 bidders). Contr. No. 2C, Kent Ave. Intercepting Sewer, Franklin St. and Kent Ave. for Newtown Creek Pollution Control Project, Brooklyn Boro, BROOKLYN, N. Y. Dpt. P. Wks., Rm. 2200, Municipal Bldg., New York 7, N. Y. Bids Jan. 16. CD 12/16.

▲ **Planet Constr. Corp.,** 11 West 42nd St., New York, N. Y., CA $3,667,000, superstructure for Hangar No. 17 at New York International Airport, Contr. NYA-970.005, IDLEWILD, N. Y. Port of New York Authority, 111 Eighth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. Bids Dec. 7. CD 12/19, under LB.

▲ **Berlanti Constr. Co., Inc.,** 15 Oakland Ave., Harrison, N. Y., CA $3,818,175, dam, Charlotteburg Reservoir, NEWARK, N. J. City, City Hall, Newark, N. J. Bids Nov. 19, awarded Jan. 16. CD 10/10.

▲† **Glasgow, Inc.,** Willow Grove Ave. and Limekiln Pike, Glenside, Pa., CA $2,598,960, dredging Delaware River, approx. 3,800,000 cu. yds., between Neshaminy Creek and lower end of Burlington Island, Bucks Co., Pa., and Burlington Co., N. J., ENG-36-109-59-30, PENNSYLVANIA and NEW JERSEY. U. S. Eng., 2635 Abbottsford Rd., Phila., Pa Bids Dec. 18. CD 12/30, under LB.

▲ **MARYLAND**—State Rds. Comn., 108 E. Lexington St., Baltimore 2, Bids opened 1/20,

LTW Princemont Constr. Co., Rockville, Md., LB $2,074,843 (6 bidders), grading, drainage, surf. 2.752 mi. Rte. 193-Chevy Chase to Kensington, M-517-2-320, Montgomery Co. CD 1/2.

▲ **MARYLAND**—State Rds. Comn., 108 E. Lexington St., Baltimore 2, Bids opened 1/13,

Wright Contg. Co., Odenton, Md., LB $2,162,590 (7 bidders), grading, drainage, surf. 7.361 mi. Rte. 70 incl. ramps and connecting roads from Tomoloway Creek to near Millstone, W 463 3-15-623, Washington Co. CD 1/2.

▲† **Lane Constr. Corp.,** 965 E. Main, Meriden, Conn., LB $7,675,315 (11 bidders), F.Y. 59 M.C.P. runway/parallel-apron operation, ENG-49-080-59-24(25), ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, MD. U. S. Eng., First and Douglas Sts. N.W., Wash. 25, D. C. Bids Jan. 20. CD 1/13.

▲† **F. D. Rich, Inc.,** 550 Summer St., Stamford, Conn., LB $3,309,000, hangar maintenance organization (CRT) and hangar maintenance organization (SAM), Serial No. ENG-49-080-59-15 (16), ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, MD. U. S. Eng., First and Douglas Sts. N.W., Wash. 25, D. C. Bids Jan. 15. CD 12/22.

▲ **Malan Constr. Co.,** 2 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., CA $3,518,000, 1st phase Potomac River Water Development, Contr. 2094-W-intake structure, raw water pumping station, finished water reservoir and pumping station, Watts Branch, HYATTSVILLE, MD. Washington Suburban Sanitary Comn., Hamilton St., Hyattsville, Md. Bids Jan. 7. CD 1/9, under LB.

▲† **W. G. Cornell Co., Inc.,** 1003 K St. N.W., Wash., D. C., CA $2,624,000, air conditioning and heating U. S. Post Office, North Capital St. and Massachusetts Ave. N.E., WASH., D. C. General Services Admin., Region 3, 7 and D Sts. S.W., Wash., D. C. CD 1/2, under LB.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Greater New York Terminal Corp.,** 210 Varick Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., Separate Contracts, $8,000,000, OIL TERMINAL, 33 acres, Steinway St. on East River to incl. 300 x 620 ft. covered pier, 10 storage tanks with 60,300,000 gal. capacity, ASTORIA, N. Y. Otto J. & Warren Sambach, 374 Hillside Ave., Williston Park, N. Y., engrs. CD 1/28/55.

▲ **Turner Constr. Co.,** 150 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y., CA $2,500,000, 10 story MULTIPLE DWELLING, 107 Columbia Heights, BROOKLYN, N. Y. Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of New York, Inc., 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y. Frederick G. Frost, Jr., 144 E. 30th St., New York 16, N. Y., archt. CD 6/13.

▲ **Hendrich Constr. Co., Inc.,** 2065 Harlem Rd., Buffalo, N. Y., CA $3,376,241, 6 story HOSPITAL addn., BUFFALO, N. Y. Deaconess Hospital, 563 Riley St., Buffalo, N. Y. James Meadows & Howard, 250 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., archts. Cresap, McCormick & Paget, 342 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., consult. engrs. Bids Dec. 12. CD 11/21.

▲ **Rand Constr. Co.,** 114 E. 32nd St., New York 16, N. Y., CA $1,330,000, 4 story, steel, concrete OFFICE, New Hempstead Rd. near Main St., NEW CITY, N. Y. Comrs. Rockland Co. County Courthouse, New City, N. Y. I. L. Crausman Assocs., 332 E. 149th St., New York 59, N. Y., archts. CD 9/23.

▲ **Denmart Constr. Co.,** c/o Sylvan Bien, archt., 342 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y., Owner Builds, $4,000,000, 19 story APARTMENT, Lexington Ave. from East 71 to East 72nd Sts., NEW YORK, N. Y. CD 7/10, under Buxbaum, as owner.

▲ **Fuller-Turner-Walsh-Slattery** (George A. Fuller Co., 597 Madison Ave., New York N. Y., Turner Constr. Co., 150 E. 42nd St., New York, N. Y. Walsh Constr. Co., 711 3rd Ave., New York, N. Y., Slattery Contg. Co., Inc., 46-36 54th Rd., Maspeth, N. Y.), CA Est. $60,000,000, OPERA HOUSE, CONCERT

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PROJECTS COVERED

By Size

Construction projects here reported cover the United States and Canada, are of these minimum sizes or larger: water supply, earthwork, waterways $53,000, other public works $88,000, industrial buildings $110,000; other buildings $400,000. Also Foreign projects of $1,000,000 and more in size of Interest to American contractors.

By Regions & Classes of Construction

(In order of Listing)

BIDS ASKED
LOW BIDDERS
CONTRACTS AWARDED

New England	Middle West
Middle Atlantic	West of Mississippi
South	Far West

PROPOSED WORK

Water Supply	Public Buildings
Sewers, Waste Disposal	Mass Housing
Bridges	Commercial Buildings
Streets & Roads	Industrial Buildings
Earthwork, Waterways	Unclassified

In These Stages

PROPOSED WORK: Before and including appointment of engineers or architects.

BIDS ASKED: BA (new announcements only). For full calendar, see also preceding issues.

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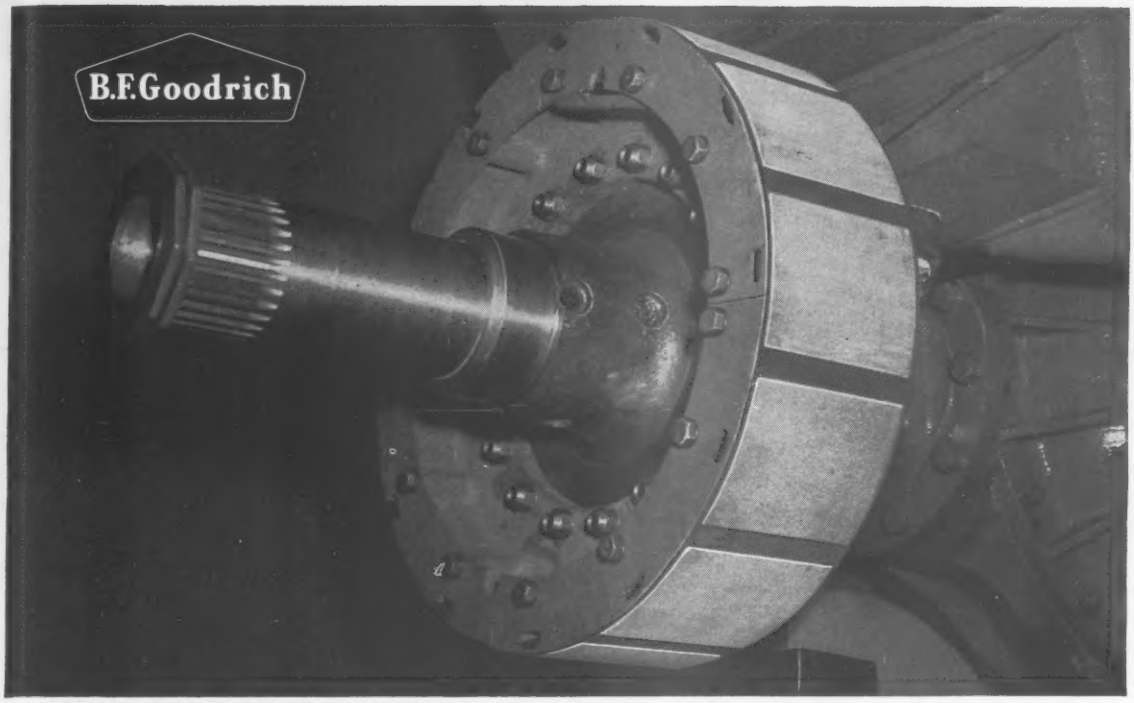

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HALL, Juilliard SCHOOL, SCHOOL of the DANCE, LIBRARY and MUSEUM and THEATER for REPERTORY DRAMA, Broadway, Amsterdam and Columbus Aves., West 62nd to West 66th Sts., NEW YORK, N. Y. Lincoln Center for Performing Arts, c/o Harrison & Abramovitz, archts., 360-5th Ave., New York, N. Y. CD 11/20.

▲ **Harris Structural Steel Co.**, 419 4th Ave., New York, N. Y., CA 10,000 ton steel framework fabricated and erected for 38 story OFFICE, 80th Pine St. on block bounded by Pine and Pearl Sts., Maiden Lane and Water St., NEW YORK, N. Y. Samuel Rudin, 415 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y. Total cost $25,000,000. CD 7/8/57, under CA;
Slattery Contg. Co., Inc., 46-36 54th Rd., Maspeth, N. Y., CA excavation and foundation work for office (New York, N. Y.);
Underpinning & Foundation Co., 155 E. 44th St., New York, N. Y., CA pile driving for office (New York, N. Y.);
Raisler Corp., 12 W. Broadway, New York, N. Y., CA air-condition, heating and ventilating for office (New York, N. Y.).

▲ **Alfred Kaskel**, 12 E. 48th St., New York 22, N. Y., Owner Builds, $5,000,000, 20 story APARTMENT, 180 East End Ave., NEW YORK, N. Y. Sylvan Bien, 342 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y., archt. CD 7/10.

▲ **Dante Leodari**, c/o Daniel Amster, 33 Harrison Ave., Waldwick, N. J., Own Forces, $1,250,000, 44 HOUSES, Brookside Ave., ALLENDALE, N. J.

▲ **Stamato Bros. Constr.**, 284 Main St., Lodi, N. J., Own Forces, $4,000,000, 114 HOUSES, utilities, Gregg Ave., LODI, N. J.

▲ **General Management & Constr. Co.**, 9 Easton Ave., New Brunswick, N. J., Owner Builds, $12,000,000, 20 store SHOPPING CENTER, Leupp Parkway, Franklin Twp., MIDDLEBUSH, N. J. John Graham & Co., 444 5 Ave., New York, N. Y., archts.

▲ **East Stroudsburg, Pa., Area Jt. School Bd.**, East Stroudsburg, Pa., rejected bids Oct. 8, general constr. JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, EAST STROUDSBURG, PA. LB $2,119,058. CD 10/30, under LB.

▲ **Westinghouse Electric Corp.**, 3 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa. CA Est. $10,000,000. 5,000 kw. ATOMIC POWER PLANT, 5,000 kw pressurized water atomic reactor, SAXTON, PA. Pennsylvania Electric Co., (sub. General Public Utilities Co.) 222 Levergood St., Johnstown, Pa. Gilbert Assocs., 525 Lancaster Ave., Reading, Pa., archts.-engrs.

▲ **L. F. Driscoll Co.**, 32 W. Coulter St., Phila., Pa. CA $1,580,000, general constr MEN'S. DORMITORY and WOMEN'S DORMITORY and MUSIC BLDG. for West Chester State Teacher's College, WEST CHESTER, PA. General State Auth., 18th and Herr Sts., Harrisburg, Pa. Bids Dec. 17. CD 12/22, under LB.

▲ **Hill & Kimmel, Inc.**, 8248 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md., CA $1,311,174, Gaithersburg JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, Gaithersburg, ROCKVILLE, MD. Montgomery Co. Bd. Educ., Rockville, Md. Bids Jan. 8. CD 1/12.

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HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

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▲† **Kentucky and Indiana**—BA About 3/10—U. S. Eng., P. O. Box 59, Louisville 1, Ky., Markland Dam, 12-42 x 100 ft. gates, concrete piers and 800,000 cu. yd. excav., Ohio River, CIVENG-15-029-59-44. $10,000,000. CD 9/5.

BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **La., Baton Rouge**—SCHOOL—BA 2/5—East Baton Rouge Parish School Bd., 805 St. Louis St., Glen Oaks High School, Cedar Grove Dr. near West Merrydale Subdivision. $1,900,000. Plans deposit $100. Miller Smith & Assn., 933 Nicholson Dr., Baton Rouge, La., engrs.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **WEST VIRGINIA**—State Road Comn., Charleston,
W. Va.—**Bennie Snyder**, Box 816, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., CA $1,626,226, grading, draining 2.935 mi. Interstate Rte. 77, Proj. I-77-3 (13) 125, Jackson Co., Bids Dec. 30, awarded Jan. 20;
W. Va.—**Harrison Constr. Co.**, 1101 Western Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. and **Kuhn Constr. Co.**, Kanawha Valley Bldg., Charleston, W. Va., CA $1,869,774, grading, draining, structures 1.231 mi. Interstate Hy. 77, Proj. I-77-3 (8) 120, Jackson Co. Bids Dec. 30. Awarded Jan. 19. CD 1/5, under LB.

NORTH CAROLINA—State Hy. Dpt., Raleigh, Bids opened 1/20,
N. C.—**A. R. Thompson, Contractor, Inc.**, Rutherfordton, N. C., LB $2,228,957, est. over $500,000, CABC and concrete paving 10.88 mi. from point 1 mi. east of McDowell Co. line to N.C. 18 southeast of Morganton, Proj. 8.18123 I-40-2 (19) 94, Burke Co.; LB $374,-015, est. $300,000-$400,000, CABC and BST 4.47 mi. US 221-A from South Carolina State Line north to bridge over Second Broad River, Proj. 8.18823 S-512 (2) Rutherford Co.;
N. C.—**Suber & Co., Inc.**, Whitmire, S. C., LB $1,141,-282, est. over $500,000, CABC, BST, structures 6.91 mi. US 421 from point approx. 0.6 mi. northwest of Vilas, northeast Cross Country to Tennessee State line just northeast of Zionville, Proj. 17727 SF-561 (3), Watauga Co.;
N. C.—**William B. Dillard Constr. Co.**, Rutherfordton, N. C., LB $691,336, est. over $500,000, grading 9.13 mi. Interstate 85 from South Carolina State Line northeast to point south of Kings Mountain, Proj. 8.6317 I-85-1 (5) 0. CD 1/9.

▲ **SOUTH CAROLINA** — State Hy. Dpt., Hotel Wade Hampton, Columbia, Bids opened 1/13,
S. C.—**Green Constr. Co.**, Spartanburg, S. C., LB $1,-131,324 (12 bidders) mac. base course, bit. surf. 4.900 mi. State Rte. 24, being relocation for Hartwell Reservoir, west of Anderson, S. C. Docket No. 4.483, State Rte. 24, Anderson Co.;
S. C.—**Brown Paving Co.**, Lexington, N. C., LB $283,603 (4 bidders) b. conc., etc., 5.17 mi. US Rte. 378, 52, S. C. Dockets Nos. 21.385.1, 21.432 and 45.1024, F.A. Projs. Nos. F-FG-2601 (3), F-227 (2) and F-472 (8), Florence and Williamsburg Counties;
S. C.—**Sloan Constr. Co., Inc.**, Peoples National Bank Bldg., Greenville, S. C., LB $295,488 (2 bidders) bit. surf., etc., 10.44 mi. Rd. S-21, Rte. 417, Rds. S-153, S-249, S-250, S-251, S-252, S-253, S-660, S-102, S-247, S-248, S-30 and S-245, S. C. Dockets Nos. 23.417.1, 23.439 and 23.440, F.A. Proj. SG-1048 (1), Greenville Co.;
S. C.—**Boyle Constr. Co.**, 30 E. Liberty St., Sumter, S. C., LB $1,072,203 (10 bidders) drainage, base, bit. surf. 8.259 mi. Int. Rte. 26 from Calhoun Co. line to Rte. 33, S. C. Docket No. 38.488, F.A. Proj. I-26-3 (11), Orangeburg Co.;
S. C.—**Fox Constr. Co., Inc.**, Lexington, S. C. and **Robert E. Lee & Co., Inc.**, Manning, S. C., LB $1,485,952 (6 bidders) base and bit. surf. 10.511 mi. Int. Rte. 26 from Rte. 33 to Rd. S-45, S. C. Docket No. 38.489, F.A. Proj. I-26-3 (14), Orangeburg Co. CD 1/5.

▲† **P. G. Bell & Co., Inc.**, Box 13196, Houston, Tex., CA $1,507,908, fire station, dormitories and office quarters, Patrick Air Force Base, ENG-08-123-59-31, COCOA, FLA. U. S. Eng., Box 4970, Jacksonville 1, Fla. Bids Dec. 31. CD 1/9, under LB.

▲† **James J. Craggs Constr. Co.**, Box 22, Gainesville, Fla., CA $1,998,669, operational utilities, McCoy Air Force Base, ENG-08-123-59-18, ORLANDO, FLA. U. S. Eng., Box 4970, Jacksonville 1, Fla. Bids Dec. 23. CD 1/13, under LB.

▲† **Southern Roadbuilders, Inc.**, P. O. Box 1129, Augusta, Ga., CA $1,500,308, apron operational and related utilities, MacDill Air Force Base, TAMPA, FLA. U. S. Eng., P. O. Box 4970, Jacksonville 1, Fla. Bids Jan. 13. CD 1/19, under LB.

▲ **ALABAMA**—State Hy. Dpt., Montgomery,
George A. Dozier, 4144 Wares Fy Rd., Montgomery, Ala., CA $2,732,035, grading, draining, paving 6.689 mi. from Chilton Co. Line NW Dargin on Interstate Rte. 65, Shelby Co. Bids Dec. 19. CD 12/31, under LB.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲† **Atlantic Contractors, Inc.**, 13006 Saticoy St., North Hollywood, Calif., CA $13,000,000, 800 Capehart HOUSING units, Marine Corps Base, NBy(CH) 7757, Spec. 7757/57, CAMP LE JEUNE, N. C. Dist. P. Wks. Office, 5th Naval Dist., U. S. Naval Base, Norfolk 11, Va. CD 12/11, under LB.

▲ **Westinghouse Electric Corp.**, 3 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa., CA Est. $22,000,000. DEMONSTRATION NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, near Parr, SOUTH CAROLINA. Carolinas-Virginia Nuclear Power Assocs., Inc. (Virginia Elec. & Power Co., 7th and Franklin Sts., Richmond, Va., Duke Power Co., 430 S. Church St., Charlotte, N. C., South Carolina Electric & Gas Co., 1309 Hampton St., Columbia, S. C., and Carolina Power & Light Co., 419 Fayetteville, Raleigh, N. C.). Stone & Webster Eng. Co., 49 Federal St., Boston, Mass., archt.-engr. CD 11/18/57.

▲ **George A. Fuller Co.**, 1 Peachtree St. Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., CA $1,477,416, JUVENILE COURT and DETENTION HOME for Fulton Co., ATLANTA, GA. Fulton Co. Bd. Comrs., Rds. & Revenues, Courthouse, Atlanta, Ga. Bids Dec. 17. CD 12/23, under LB.

▲ **John B. Orr, Inc.**, 485 NW 54 St., Miami, Fla., CA $1,500,000 SHOPPING CENTER, N. Federal Hy. and Sunrise Blvd., FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Lauderdale Shopping Center, c/o contractor.

▲† **Southern Constr. Co.**, Rossville, Ga., CA $1,349,000, 2 story no bsmnt., brick MAINTENANCE BOARD BLDG. addn., ENG-15-029-59-1, FORT KNOX, KY. U. S. Eng., P.O. Box 59, Louisville 1, Ky. Bids Dec. 11. CD 12/16, under LB.

▲ **Robert Simmons Co.**, 840 Barrett Ave., Louisville 4, Ky., LB $2,678,000 (16 bidders), 3 story, 146,000 sq. ft. granite, stone, structural steel, superstructure HEALTH SERVICE, FRANKFORT, KY. Commonwealth of Ky., Div. Purchases, Frankfort, Ky. Meriwether Marye & Assoc., 248 E. Short St., Lexington, Ky., archts. Southern Engineers, 322 W. Jefferson, Louisville 2, Ky., engrs. Bids Jan. 20. CD 4/16.

▲† **J. A. Jones Constr. Co.**, 209 W. 4th St., Charlotte, N. C., LB $6,147,000, RESEARCH BUILDING, 4500 in X-10 area of Oak Ridge area, Roane Co., Inv. 401-59-3A, OAK RIDGE, TENN. Atomic Energy Comm., Area Constr. Div., Bid. 9720-6, Oak Ridge, Tenn. Bids Jan. 15. CD 12/2.

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▲† **O., Dayton**—S. A. C. COMPOSITE, etc.—BA 2/24—U. S. Eng., P. O. Box 59, Louisville 1, Ky., 46,750 sq. ft. S.A.C. composite-industrial bldg., 22,-650 sq. ft. operations bldgs., 1,000 sq. ft. telephone bldg., Wright Patterson Air Force Base, ENG-15-029-59-41. $1,000,000-$2,000,000. CD 9/5.

BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **Ind., Bloomington**—HALL OF MUSIC—BA 2/4—Indiana University, 285 x 337 ft., structural steel frame Hall of Music Annex No. 2, A.M. Strauss & Assoc., Inc., Strauss Bldg., Fort Wayne, archt. CD 10/2.

▲† **Mich., Oscoda**—HOUSING—BA 2/5—Base Procurement Office, Wurtsmith Air Force Base, 618 unit Capehart Housing, Wurtsmith Air Force Base. $10,000,000. CD 12/1.

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—FIREMEN'S ACADEMY—BA 2/11—Dpt. Purchases, City Hall, Zone 2, firemen's academy. $1,750,000. Paul Gerhardt, Jr., City Hall, Zone 2, archt. Lobl Schlossman & Bennett, 333 N. Michigan Ave., archts. CD 8/14.

▲ **Wis., Wales**—ACADEMIC UNIT, etc.—BA 2/17—State Dpt. Public Welfare, Madison, Academic Unit for Boys School, Weiler & Strang & Assocs., 810 University Bay Dr., Madison, archts-engrs.; 9 cottages for Boys School, Phillips & Elbe, 427 W. National Ave., Milwaukee, archts. Plans deposit $50 each. CD 5/15/56, under Wis., Plymouth.

▲ **Wis., Milwaukee**—SCHOOL—BA 2/19—Bd. School Directors, 1111 N. 10 St., Zone 3, Robert Fulton Junior High School, $2,170,000. Plans deposit $125. Fritz von Grossmann, 5455 W. Burleigh St., archt. CD 5/15.

▲† **Mich., Kinross**—HOUSING—BA 2/26—Base Procurement Office, Kinross Air Force Base, 475 unit Capehart housing, Kinross Air Force Base. $7,000,000. CD 9/29.

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—BANK—Bids Asked—Mercantile National Bank, 541 W. Jackson Blvd., 4 story bank, 11 story office, corner Clinton and Jackson Blvd. $6,000,000. Friedman, Alschuler & Sincere, 223 W. Jackson Blvd., archts. CD 1/13.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **W. B. Gibson Co.**, 200 Chestnut Ave. N.E., Warren, O., LB $3,194,216, est. $3,352,000 (6 bidders), pumping station, force main and sewage treatment plant, WARREN, O. City, City Hall, Warren, O Havens & Emerson, 640 Leader Bldg., Cleveland 14, O., engrs. Bids Jan. 15. CD 12/9, under LB.

▲ **E. A. Harrold**, 34274 Stellwagon St., Wayne, Mich., CA $2,676,434, 75 mi. sewers, Div. I and II, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Ben Davis Conservancy Dist., 4810 W. Washintgon St., Indianapolis, Ind. Bids Dec. 1. CD 12/29, under LB.

▲ **ILLINOIS**—Dpt. P. Wks. & Bldg., Div. Hys., Centennial Bldg., Springfield, Bids opened 1/14,
Ill.—**Orr Constr. Co.**, 27 E. 19 Pl., Chicago Heights, Ill. LB $1,838,405 (9 bidders) 4 grade separation structures, relocate Archer Ave. and LaGrange Rd. in Willow Springs, Cook Co.;
Ill., **McCann Co., Inc.**, P.O. Box 201, Springfield, Ill., LB $218,667 (3 bidders) widen 3 bridges over Kiser Creek on US 36 southeast of Barry, Pike Co.;
Ill.—**Thos. McQueen Co.**, 1313 S. Circle Ave., Forest Park, Ill., LB $215,350 (12 bidders) 2 parallel grade separations structures Lake St. over Congress St. Expressway, DuPage and Cook Counties. CD 1/8.

▲ **WISCONSIN**—State Hy. Comn., State Office Bldg., Madison, Bids opened 1/15,
Wis.—**N. M. Isabella, Inc.**, 714 Market Place, Madison, Wis., LB $674,902 (4 bidders), base and concrete pavement 3.799 mi. Hudson-Eau Claire Rd. (Menomonie Elk Creek Sect.), and west Menomonie relocation, Interstate Hy. 94 and State Trunk Hy. 35, Contr. 1, Proj. I-94-1(31)41 and Contr. 4, Proj. T 067(7), Dunn Co.; LB $875,082 (5 bidders), base and concrete pavement 4.341 mi. Hudson-Eau Claire Rd. (Menomonie-Elk Creek Sect.), Interstate Hy. 94 Contr. 4, Proj. I-94-1(31)41, Dunn Co.;
Wis.—**Baumgardt Constr. Co.**, Dodgeville, Wis., LB $596,981 (12 bidders), grade, subbase and base course 5.562 mi. Dubuque-Dickeyville Rd., U. S. Hys. 61 and 151, Contr. 1, Proj. F 012-1(36), Grant Co.;
Wis.—**Lee H. Parker**, 2015 N. Richmond St., Appleton, Wis., LB $1,506,522 (7 bidders), base and concrete pavement 8.14 mi. Hudson-Eau Claire (Menomonie-Elk Creek Sect.) Rd. and the West Menomonie relocation, Interstate Hy. 94 and S. T. Hy. 35, Contrs. 1 and 4 (Combination), Proj. I-34-1(31)41 and Contr. 4, Proj. T 068(7), Dunn Co. CD 12/31.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **The Bedford Co.**, 3763 Lee Rd., Cleveland 28, O., Own Forces, $7,000,000, 400 HOMES, Bedford Ridge Estates, BEDFORD HEIGHTS, O. E. Keith Hagg, 2765 Hudson Dr., Cuyahoga Falls, O., archt. CD 8/20, under The Dover Co., as owner.

▲ **Alvin Homes**, 17919 Holland Rd., Brook Park, O., Own Forces, $8,000,000, 500 HOMES, off Smith Rd., south of Hummel Rd., BROOK PARK, O. Nathan Bernstein, 1991 Lee Rd., Cleveland 12, O., archt.

▲ **Alvin Homes**, 17919 Hummel Rd., Brook Park, O., Own Forces, $8,000,000, 500 HOMES, west of Homeway Ave. to Bernice Ave.; Own Forces, $8,000,000 500 HOMES, off Fairway Ave. and Purtias Ave., near W. 183d St., CLEVELAND, O. Nathan Bernstein 1991 Lee Rd., Cleveland 12, O., archt.

▲ **B. W. Constr. Co.**, 6529 S. State St., Chicago, Ill., CA $3,000,000, HOSPITAL addn., EAST CHICAGO, IND., St. Catherine's Hospital, 4312 First St., East Chicago, Ind. Bids Dec. 16, awarded Jan. 14. CD 11/25.

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▲ **Dell Corp.,** 9003 Waukegan St., Morton Grove, Ill. CA **$1,064,000,** heating and pipe-fitting contr., EXPOSITION HALL, Lakefront, CHICAGO, ILL. Metropolitan Fair & Exposition Authority, 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. Grand total $8,532,470. CD 12/16, under LB;
American Bridge Div., U. S. Steel Corp., 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., CA **$2,465,552** structural steel contr., EXPOSITION HALL (Chicago, Ill.);
Anderson & Litwack Co., 530 Hyde Park, Hillside, Ill., CA **$1,353,007,** ventilation contr. EXPOSITION HALL (Chicago, Ill.);
Great Lakes Plumbing & Heating Co., 4521 Diversey St., Chicago, Ill., CA **$723,239,** plumbing, outside water and sewer work contr., EXPOSITION HALL (Chicago, Ill.);
Fischback, Moore & Morrissey, Inc., 173 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill., CA **$2,926,682,** electrical contr., EXPOSITION HALL (Chicago, Ill.).

▲ **Turner Constr. Co.,** 105 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill., CA **$3,000,000,** 140 unit APARTMENT, REFRIGERATOR BLDG., concrete, bit. paving, sidewalks curbs, gutters, skating rink, tennis courts, Lake Meadow vicinity, 35 St. and S. Parkway CA **$3,000,000,** two 13 story, steel concrete APARTMENTS, Lake Meadows area, CHICAGO, ILL. New York Life Insurance Co., 51 Madison St., New York, N. Y. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, 100 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., archts. Awarded Jan. 19. CD 7/30/48.

▲† **Chell & Anderson, Inc.,** 5425 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago, Ill., CA **$1,372,590,** 2 BARRACKS, site development, GREAT LAKES, ILL. Dist. P. Wks. Office, Ninth Naval Dist. Bldg. 1-A, Great Lakes, Ill. Awarded Jan. 16. CD 1/14, under LB.

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▲† **Mo., Knob Noster**—OPERATIONAL ALERT FACILITIES— BA On Or About 2/18—U. S. Eng., 1800 Federal Office Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., operational alert facilities, Whiteman Air Force Base, ENG-23-028-59-35. CD 1/8, under LB.

▲† **Wyo., Cheyenne**—LAUNCH FACILITIES AND UTILITIES—BA On Or About 2/26—U. S. Eng., 1709 Jackson St., Omaha 2, Neb., (a) nine 101x134 ft., rein.-con. launch and service bldgs. (b) three 2 story, rein.-con. launch operations bldgs. (c) three 56x72 ft., steel frame power and pump houses (d) 4 well pumps and pump houses (e) utilities, incl. water lines, sewage disposal sys., etc. (f) installing 9 Govt.-procured generators, Squadron II, F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Inv. No. ENG-25-066-59-30. CD 1/6.

▲† **South Dakota**—BA On Or About 3/4—U. S. Eng., 1709 Jackson St., Omaha 2, Neb., constr. earthwork, Stage VII, consisting of Sched. A, right bank excavation, left bank excavation, rolled embankment, uncompacted fill, barrier, levee embankment, 48 in. right bank drainage conduit, incl. exten. settlement gages and piezometer tubes, Sched. B, riprap (furnish, place), spalls, filter blanket, Sched. C, the entire work, Oahe Reservoir Proj., near Pierre, ENG-25-066-59-66. CD 9/23.

▲† **Colo., Denver**—AIR BASE FACILITIES—BA On Or About 3/19—U. S. Eng., Denver Fed. Center, WS-107-A-2 technical facilities Complex 1A, 1B and 1C, incl. 3 rein.-con. control centers, 3 rein.-con. portal silos, 9 missile silos, tunnels and gate house, Lowry Air Force Base, ENG-25-066-59-73.

BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **Minn., Bemidji**—SCHOOL—BA 2/17—Bd. Educ., Bemidji Junior High School. $1,650,000. Foss & Co., 28 N. Third St., Moorhead, archts. CD 6/11.

▲ **Minn., Minneapolis**—ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING—BA 2/26—Regents of the University of Minnesota, 404 Administration Bldg., 2 story, bsmnt., architecture and engineering overflow bldg. on Minneapolis Campus. $1,600,000. Extended date. Thorshov & Cerny, Inc., 400 Metropolitan Bldg., archt. CD 12/29.

▲ **Minn., Northfield**—STUDENT CENTER, etc.—BA 3/3—Thorshov & Cerny, Inc., archt., 400 Metropolitan Bldg., Minneapolis, student center. $1,400,000. Plans deposit $100, administration bldg., $350,000, for St. Olaf College, Northfield. Sovik, Mathre & Assoc., Northfield, archts. CD 10/25/57 and 1/13.

▲ **N. D., Minot**—HOSPITAL—BA 4/15—St. Joseph's Hospital, Minot, hospital addn. $2,400,000. Hills, Gilbertson & Hayes, 600 Wayzata Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn., archts. CD 11/19/57.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **IOWA**—State Hy. Comm., Ames, Bids opened 1/13,
Iowa—**R. B. Burch, Inc.,** 824 27 Ave. S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. LB **$603,205,** grading 3.962 mi., I-IG-80-4 (2) 142 (I-IG-01-4(2), Polk Co.; LB **$382,888,** grading 7.284 mi., I-80-5 (2) 146 (I-01-5 (2)), Polk Co.;
Iowa—**Woodrich Constr. Co.,** 201 18 Ave. South, Hopkins, Minn. LB **$2,228,258,** c. conc. 7.516 mi., I-29-6 (10) 136, Woodbury Co.;
Iowa—**Mickle & Ross Constr. Co., Newton, Iowa.** LB **$540,413,** grading 2.816 mi., I-80-5 (2) 146 (I-01-5 (2)), Jasper Co. CD 12/31.

▲† **Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Co.,** Philadelphia National Bank Bldg., Phila., Pa., CA **$1,757,210,** two hydraulic turbines, Greer's Ferry Dam, ENG-03-050-1, ARKANSAS. U. S. Eng., P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Ark. CD 9/8, under LB.

▲† **U. S. Eng.,** 1709 Jackson St., Omaha, Zone 2, Neb., cancelled bis to have been opened Jan. 14, runway and apron paving, Lincoln Air Force Base, ENG-25-066-59-60, LINCOLN, NEB. **$1,250,000-$1,500,000.** CD 12/10.

▲ **TEXAS**—State Hy. Comn., Austin. Bids opened 1/16,
Tex.—**Strain Bros., Inc.,** Box 1631, San Angelo, Tex., LB **$409,513,** flexible base, b. conc. 2.243 mi. Hy. U. S. 277, Proj. F 379 (4) Sutton Co.; LB **$521,674,** flexible base, asphalt surface 7.863 mi. Proj. F 382 (9) & S 2164 (1), Palo Pinto Co.;
Tex.—**Vicking Constr. Co., Inc.,** 2138 Welch St., Houston, Tex., LB **$1,550,096,** imprv. 1.794 mi. Hy. I 610, Proj. I 610-7 (21) 809, Harris Co.;
Tex.—**E. E. Hood & Sons and Ward Constr.,** Box 12097, San Antonio, Tex., LB **$456,771,** flexible base, b. conc. 2.617 mi. Hy. St. 44 and 359, Proj. F 429 (24) U 429 (25) Jim Wells Co.;
Tex.—**R. W. McKinney,** Nacogdoches, Tex., LB **$643,532,** widen, grade, etc. 25.367 mi. Hy. U. S. 77, St. 320, Proj. F 331 (8) & S 22 (2), Falls and Bell Counties;
Tex.—**James C. Kerr,** Lubbock, Tex., LB **$425,924,** base, asphalt surf. 4.029 mi. Hy. U. S. 62, Proj. U 1104 (9), Lubbock Co.;
Tex.—**Gilvin-Terrell, Inc.,** Box 2268, Amarillo, Tex., LB **$449,104,** grade, pave, etc. 1.433 mi. Hy. U. S. 87, & St. 86, Proj. F 546 (25) (26) & S 7 (8), Swisher Co., all foregoing. CD 12/24;
Tex.—**Trotti & Thomson, Inc.,** Box 70, Beaumont, Tex., LB **$639,312,** concrete paving 0.647 mi. Hy. IH 10, Proj. I 56 (08), Jefferson Co., CD 12/31.

▲ **Panama, Inc.,** Tennessee Bldg., Houston, Tex., CA Est. **$9,520,000,** 238 mi. 30 in. natural gas pipeline from King Ranch, Kingsville to point outside Houston City limits, KINGSVILLE, TEX. Humble Oil & Refining Co., 1216 Main St., Houston, Tex. Bids Dec. 15. CD 10/21, under Industrial Buildings.

▲† **Mason & Hangar—Silas Mason Co., Inc.,** 500 5 Ave., New York, N. Y. CA Est. **$50,000,000,** underground launching facility for Titan ICBM at Lowry Field, DENVER, COLO. Dpt. Air Force, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo. Leo A. Daly Co., 633 Insurance Bldg., Omaha, Neb., archt. Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, 3325 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., archts.-engrs.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **A. Herman,** 1428 North Washington Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., CA **$1,700,000,** general contract 100-unit APARTMENT, West Calhoun Blvd. between Knox and Lagoon Aves., MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Calhoun Terrace Co., c/o Liebenberg & Kaplan, archts., 51 South 13th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

▲ **Delta Engineering Corp.,** Box 13256, Houston, Tex., CA **$3,000,000,** Hamilton Products EXTRACTION PLANT addn., ethane recovery facilities, MAGNOLIA, ARK. Arkansas Louisiana Chemical Corp., 300 W. Capitol St., Little Rock, Ark. Awarded Jan. 17.

▲ **Hal C. Dyer,** Lone Star Gas Bldg., Dallas, Tex. CA Approx. **$2,000,000,** 7 story MEDICAL CENTER, Junius and Washington Sts., DALLAS, TEX. Hal Anderson, 5335 Meaders Lane, or c/o Jacob Anderson, archt., 610 Thomas Bldg., Dallas, Tex. CD 12/3.

S. D. Gorman, c/o owner, CA **$1,265,000,** 144 unit APARTMENT, Small St., GRAND PRAIRIE, TEX. Dave Hicks & Co., Inc., 2444 W. Main St., Dallas, Tex. CD 1/22.

▲ **Mead & Mount Constr. Co.,** Denver Club Bldg., Denver, Colo., LB **$2,000,000,** RESEARCH LABORATORY, LITTLETON, COLO. Martin Co., 1250 South Highway, Littleton, Colo. Bids Jan. 16. CD 1/13.

FAR WEST

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS

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▲ **WASHINGTON** — BA After 2/10 — Washington Toll Bridge Auth., Olympia,
floating section, bridge across Lake Washington, east of Seattle, Total est. $22,000,000. CD 12/8/55.

▲ **Calif., Bakersfield**—BA 2/17—Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade Dist., 301 Moronet Bldg., overpass over Beale Ave. $2,720,786. Kern Engineering Corp., 301 Moronet Bldg., engrs. CD 6/13.

▲ **Wash., Seattle**—BA 2/18—Bd. P. Wks. County-City Bldg., Zone 4, 24 mi. 54- to 60-in. prestressed concrete or steel water supply line from Tolt River regulating basin to Lake Forest Park reservoir in three sections, $10,500,000. Plans deposit $50. R. W. Morse, city engr. CD 9/23/55.

BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **Calif., Santa Monica**—COLLEGE BUILDINGS—BA 2/9—Santa Monica Unif. School Dist., 1723 4th St., library, cafeteria and physical educ. bldgs. at Santa Monica City College. $2,500,000. CD 6/12/57.

▲† **Calif., Beale Air Force Base**—HOUSING—BA 2/10—Base Procurement Office, Beale Air Force Base, Marysville, 400 units Capehart Housing, No. 2 Increment. $6,000,000. CD 9/29.

▲ **Utah, Ogden**—SCHOOL—BA 2/26—Weber County School Bd., 1122 Washington Blvd., Senior High School in Washington Terrace area. $1,750,000. Keith L. Wilcox & Assocs., 410 Kiesel Bldg., Ogden, archts. CD 11/18/57.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **UTAH**—State Rd. Comn., State Capitol, Salt Lake City,
Gibbons & Reed Co., 825 W. 9th St. N., Salt Lake City, Utah, CA **$1,642,477,** grade, drain roadway 2.424 mi., incl. 43,725 sq. ft. furnishing, installing sheet piling, FA Proj. I-15-1 (10) 306, 1st. Contr., Salt Lake Co. Bids Dec. 9. CD 12/12, under LB.

▲ **Christiansen Bros.,** 209 W. 13th S., Salt Lake City, Utah, CA **$3,530,174,** administration bldg., for Municipal Airport, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. Salt Lake City Corp., City-County Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah. Bids Aug. 14. CD 8/22, under LB.

▲ **NEVADA**—State Dpt. Hys., State Hy. Bldg., Carson City,
Nev.—Wells Cargo, Inc., P. O. Box 430, Las Vegas, Nev. CA **$364,296** (5 bidders) portion primary and secondary hy. sys. 4.704 mi. Hy. U. S. 91 between Flamingo Rd. and Oakey Blvd. in Las Vegas on Fulcher Rd. (FAS 550) between jct. with U. S. 91 and jct. with Paradise Rd. (FAS Rte. 534) and on Paradise Rd. (FAS Rte. 534) between 1.5 mi. south city limits of Las Vegas, Rte. Section 005-1, FAS Rtes. 550 and 534, Control sections CL-03, CL 54, CL-39, Proj. Nos. F-005-1 (13) S-550 (1) & S-534 (3) State Hy. Contr. 1052, Clark Co.;
Nev.—**Whiting Bros. Constr. Co., Inc., Industrial Constr. Co., General Contractors Co.,** 106½ W. Wyoming St., Las Vegas, Nev., CA **$1,946,949,** joint venture (6 bidders) portion State Hy. Sys. Int. Hy. 15 between 3.7 mi. N.E. and 13.3 mi. N.E. of Jean, Rte. Section 015-1, Control Section CL-82, Proj. I-IG-015 (1) 16, State Hy. Contr. No. 1051, Clark Co.;
Nev.—**Willis Bros.,** Winnemucca, Nev. CA **$335,724** (5 bidders), portion State Hy. Sys. between Oregon-Nevada State Line (near Washoe Co. Line) and Jct. with S.R. 8A. 33 mi. west of Denio, FAS Rte. 616, Control Section HU-28, Proj. S-616 (2), State Hy. Contr. 1050, Humboldt Co. Bids Jan. 13. Grand total **$2,646,969.** CD 12/31.

▲ **WASHINGTON**—State Hy. Comn., Chn. Dpt. Hys., Olympia, Bids opened 1/20.
Allied Structural Steel Co., 20 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill., LB **$6,943,568** (6 bidders) steel superstructure of Seattle Freeway Bridge across Lake Washington Ship Canal, FAP No. BI-5-3(39)169, King Co. Bids Jan. 20. CD 12/23.

▲ **The Anderson Constr. Co., Inc.,** Central Bldg., Seattle, Wash., and **Wilder Constr. Co.,** 1840 State St., Bellingham, Wash. (joint venture), LB **$5,759,821,** est. $5,777,982 (9 bidders), water storage dam on South Fork Tolt River, SEATTLE, WASH. Bd. P. Wks., Seattle, Wash. Bids Jan. 14. CD 12/12.

▲† **Connolly Pacific Co. & T. E. Connolly,** 1925 Water St., Long Beach, Calif. CA **$3,117,250,** Ventura Co. Harbor Breakwater and jetties near Port Hueneme, ENG-04-353-59-18, CALIFORNIA. U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Dec. 23, awarded Dec. 30. CD 12/30, under LB.

▲† **Fredericksen & Kassler,** 212 13th St., Sacramento, Calif., CA **$1,487,211,** Upper Rio Hondo Channel Imprvt., El Monte, ENG-04-353-59-20, CALIFORNIA. U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Jan. 14, awarded Jan. 16. CD 1/19, under LB.

▲† **Mattich Bros.,** Box 390, Colton, Calif., CA **$1,546,249,** alert facilities, alert apron, readiness crew bldg. and utilities, ENG-04-353-59-38, MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIF. U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Jan. 15. CD 1/19, under LB.

▲ **Vido Artukovich & Sons,** 11155 Rush St., El Monte, Calif., CA **$2,344,558,** New Hope-Placentia Trunk Sewer, Contr. 2-1, SANTA ANA, CALIF. Orange County Sanitation Dist. No. 2, 1104 W. 8th St., Santa Ana, Calif. Bids Jan. 7. CD 1/12, under LB.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **State Dpt. General Admin.,** General Admin. Bldg., Olympia, Wash., rejected bids Jan. 2, 5 story, bsmnt., 120,000 sq. ft. rein.-con. addn to GENERAL ADMIN. BLDG., OLYMPIA, WASH. **$2,000,000.** CD 12/8.

▲ **Intercommunity Hospital,** 275 W. College Ave., Covina, Calif., rejected bids Dec. 23, Stage 2, 2 story, bsmnt., rein.-con. HOSPITAL addns., COVINA, CALIF. LB **$1,476,000.** CD 12/30, under LB.

▲ **Trepte Constr. Co.,** 2001 Kettner Blvd., San Diego, Calif. CA **$1,699,500,** 4 story, 134-bed HOSPITAL addn., GROSSMONT, CALIF. Grossmont Hospital Dist., N. La Mesa, Grossmont, Calif. Bids Dec. 17, awarded Jan. 14. CD 12/23, under LB.

▲ **Dass Constr. Co.,** 5837 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, Calif. Owner Builds. **$1,885,773,** 128 DWELLINGS, El Paso St., Alida Dr., Michelle Dr., Kimberly St., Rainey St., LA MESA, CALIF.

▲ **Crown Constr. Co.,** 5059 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. CA **$2,423,781,** constr. Marina del Rey JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Bd. Educ., 1425 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Dec. 19, awarded Jan. 12. CD 12/30, under LB.

▲† **Robert E. McKee, Inc.,** 4701 San Fernando West, Los Angeles, Calif., LB **$6,530,700,** Item 1 (5 bidders)

BUILDINGS 162, 163 and 164 alterations and addn. at Veterans Admin. Center, Wadsworth Hospital, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Veterans Admin., Munitions Bldg., Wash., D. C. Charles Luckman & Assoc., 9220 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Calif., archts. Bids Jan. 20. CD 11/20.

▲ **Twaits-Wittenberg Co. & Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc.,** 507 S. Bixel St., Los Angeles, Calif. LB $11,492,000 (5 bidders) multi-story HALL OF RECORDS BLDG. in Los Angeles Civic Center, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Clerk Los Angeles Co. for County Bd. Retirement, Los Angeles Co. Hall of Records, Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Jan. 14. CD 11/26.

▲ **M. H. Golden Constr. Co. & L. E. Dixon Co.,** 3485 Noell St., San Diego, Calif. CA $6,183,085, reincon. split level constr. College Grove SHOPPING CENTER, College Ave. and Federal Freeway 94, SAN DIEGO, CALIF. College Grove Assocs., 502 Spreckels Bldg., San Diego, Calif. John Graham & Co., 1426 5th St., Seattle, Wash., archts. James Michaelsen, Land Title Bldg., San Diego, Calif., resident archt. Bids Oct. 9, awarded Jan. 12. CD 10/28, under LB.

▲ **Codding Constr. Co.,** 1200 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, Calif. CA $1,500,000. Mayette Village SHOPPING CENTER, SANTA ROSA, CALIF. Codding Enterprise, 4000 Montgomery Dr. Santa Rosa, Calif. Henry Wallace, 3980 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa, Calif., engr. CD 3/27/57, under Calif., Modesto.

CANADA

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

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▲ **Schwenger Constr. Ltd.,** 1255 Beach Rd., Hamilton, Ont., LB $1,917,325 (12 bidders) tunnel interceptor sewers, Woodward Ave. sewage treatment plant, Contrs. 2 and 3, incl. 6,000 ft. 8½ ft. and 8,200 ft. 7½ ft. tunnel, HAMILTON, ONT. City of Hamilton, City Hall, Hamilton, Ont. Bids Jan. 7. CD 12/5.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Marwell Constr. Ltd.,** 1500 W. Georgia St., Vancouver, B. C. CA Est. $2,000,000, 16 story, 78 x 120 ft., rein.-con. OFFICES, southwest corner Granville and Hastings Sts., VANCOUVER, B. C. United Kingdom Properties Ltd., 509 Richards St., Vancouver, B. C. D. C. Simpson, 1350 W. Pender, Vancouver, B. C., archt. Read, Jones & Christoffersen, 1161 Melville, Vancouver, B. C., engrs.

▲ **Jackson-Lewis Co. Ltd.,** 10 St. Mary St., Toornto, Ont., CA $2,250,000, 3 story, bsmnt., brick, rein.-con., steel SCHOOL, TORONTO, ONT. Bd. Governors, Upper Canada College, Avenue Rd. and Lansdale Blvd., Toronto, Ont. Bids Dec. 17, awarded Jan. 16. CD 12/10.

▲ **Canada Iron Foundries, Ltd.,** 227 rue St. Maurice, Three Rivers, and Sun Life Bldg., Montreal, Que. Owner Builds, $1,700,000, 95x400 ft. rein.-con., structural steel SHOP, THREE RIVERS, QUE. Fred A. Dawson, 4631 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal, Que., archt. Dr. Felix M. Kruas, 1255 Laird Blvd., Mount Royal, Montreal, Que., engr. CD 10/9/57.

▲ **Dawson & Hall Ltd.,** 775 Clark Dr., Vancouver, B. C. LB $1,423,661 (17 bidders) PROTESTANT RESIDENT HOSTEL, CATHOLIC RESIDENT HOSTEL, PRINCIPAL'S RESIDENCE, STAFF RESIDENCE, WHITEHORSE, YUKON TERRITORIES. Dpt. P. Wks., Hunter Bldg., Ottawa, Ont. Bids Jan. 7. CD 1/6.

LATIN AMERICA

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **GUATEMALA**—Office Bienes Nacionales Licetaciones y Asuntos Alemanes, Guatemala City;
Thompson-Cornwall Inc., Chrysler Bldg., New York, N. Y., U. S. A., CA $2,449,625, paving 155 mi. Pan American Highway, Guatemala Project 28. CD 12/16, under LB.

▲ **VENEZUELA**—National Institute of Sanitary Wks., Caracas,
Brown & Root Construcciones C. A., (Brown & Root), 4100 Clinton Dr., Houston, Tex., U. S. A. LB $6,533,300, 7 months completion; LB $6,233,300, 10 months completion 14.3 mi. 30 in. submarine water pipe from Morro de Chacopata to Margarita Island and 6.2 mi. 8 in. water pipe line from Morro de Chacopata to Coche Island.

BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **E. G. M. Cape International Ltd.,** P. O. Box 1107, Saint John, N. B., Canada, CA $4,000,000, structural steel frame, bsmnt, ground floor and 5 bedroom floors, HOTEL, HAMILTON, BERMUDA, Carroll Dooley, Hotel Bermudiana, Hamilton, Bermuda, H. Fitzroy Robinson, London, England, archt.

AMERICANS ABROAD

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **Raymond International U. K. Ltd.,** London, England, (sub Raymond International, Inc., 140 Cedar St., New York, N. Y., U. S. A.), CA $5,000,000, fuel oil loading jetty and boat harbor, Kharg Island, IRAN, Iranian Oil Exploration & Producing Co., Teheran, Iran.

▲ **Raymond International U. K. Ltd.,** London England, (sub Raymond International, Inc., 140 Cedar St., New York, N. Y., U. S. A.), CA $12,000,000, Khor-AL-Amaya Deep water tanker berth, incl. 1,300 ft. main dock, 2 mooring dolphins, dock berth and crewman's bldgs., 25 mi. off shore from Fao, IRAQ Basrah, Petroleum Co. (sub. Iraq Petroleum Co.), Baghdad.

FOREIGN

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

▲ **Ghana, Takoradi**—BA 3/5—Ghana Railway & Harbor Auth., c/o Messrs. "NEDECO", 48 Javastraat, The Hague, Netherlands, jetty. $1,400,000. Plans deposit $28.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **Siemens, Berlin,** West Germany, and **English Electric Co.,** London England, CA Est. $14,000,000 Sennar Dam and hydro-electric project, on Blue Nile, SUDAN. Govt. of Sudan, Khartoum.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

WATER SUPPLY

▲ **Colo., Denver**—Water Bd. City & County Bldg., Dillion Dam to impound Western Slope Water, from Roberts Tunnel, alternate plants, 96 ft. dam $13,700,000, and 231 ft. dam $26,100,000. Tipton & Kalmback, Inc., Insurance Bldg., consult. engr. CD 8/12/55.

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—Dpt. of Purchase, City, City Hall, install piping equipment, Central Water Filtration plant, $2,000,000. Bids about February 1;
install misc. pumps and motors at Central Water Filtration plant; $1,000,000. Bids about February 1.
install mixing equipment Central Water Filtration plant, $1,500,000. Bids about March 1.
install scraping equipment and collectors, Central Water Filtration plant, $2,000,000. Bids about April 1.
headhouse constr., contract B, Central Water Filtration plant, $4,000,000. Bids about July 1.
install surf. wash piping, Central Water Filtration plant, $1,000,000. Bids about August 1.
install filter equipment Central Water filtration plant, $3,000,000. Bids about December 30.

▲ **O., Canton**—City, City Hall, well field, filtration plant, 16 mi. pipe line to city, imprvs. distr. sys. Tuscarawas Co. $6,728,066. Beiswenger Hoch & Assoc., 1006 Grant, Akron, O., consult. engrs.

▲ **Va., Falls Church**—City, City Hall, water sys. exten. $1,500,000. Wiley & Wilson, 711 W. Main St., Richmond, consult. engrs. CD 11/7.

SEWERS, WASTE DISPOSAL

▲ **Fla., Dania**—City, City Hall, sewage disposal plant and lines, $2,000,000, Philpott-Ross & Saarinen, 1016 NE 7 Ave., Fort Lauderdale, consult. engrs. CD 1/8.

▲ **Ill., Swansea (Belleville P. O.)**—Village, Village Hall, treatment plant, sanitary sewers. $1,000,000. CD 3/18/59.

▲ **N. C., Asheboro**—City, City Hall, bond election Jan. 29, sanitary sewer imprvs. $1,995,000. Piatt & Davis, 111 Corcoran St., Durham, consult. engrs.

▲ **O., Elyria**—City, City Hall, sewage plant addn. $2,500,000. Havens & Emerson, 640 Leader Bldg., Cleveland 14, O., consult. engrs. CD 11/28/56.

▲ **Tex., Austin**—Travis Co. Imprv Dist. 1, Austin, sewerage facilities. $1,097,000. Marvin C. Turner, 3423 Guadalupe St., consult. engr.

▲ **Ont., Toronto**—Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, 67 Adelaide St. E., sewer under Eastwood Rd. with an outlet on Woodbine Ave. to Lake Ontario, $1,107,595.

BRIDGES

▲ **TEXAS**—State Hy. Dpt., Austin,
Galveston Co.—causeway: (across Galveston Bay connecting city with mainland). $4,480,000.

STREETS AND ROADS

▲ **Ill., Decatur**—City, City Hall, $2,500,000 bond election Feb. 10, street imprvs. CD 9/13/44.

▲ **NEBRASKA**—State Dpt. Rds. & Irrigation, State House, Lincoln,
Douglas Co.—grading, structures and concrete surf. 2.7 mi. Hy. 33 from Irvington Southeast to 72nd St. $500,000.
Hall Co.—relocation U. S. 281 between Grand Island and Doniphan 9 mi., $500,000.
Otoe Co.—relocation Neb. 2 involving 12.9 mi. constr. continuing rebuilding of Hy. 2 between Lincoln and Nebraska City, between Palmyra and Syracuse, $1,350,000.
Sarpy Co.—grading, paving 3.5 mi. Hy. 370 and Hy. 31 from Papillion north to L St. $368,000.
grading, building structures and providing concrete surf. 6.2 mi. Hy. 370 from Papillion West to Interstate 80, $585,000.
Saunders Co.—grading, culverts and high type surf. 1.7 mi., incl. bridge across Platte River on U. S. 30A between Yutan and Venice, $800,000.
Scotts Bluff Co.—relocation U. S. 26 52.8 mi., incl. a start on bypass as Scottsbluff, $1,235,000.

▲ **Wis., Milwaukee**—City, City Hall, street constr. program for 1959, $1,700,000. E. A. Schmidt, city engr., CD 1/7/58.

AIRPORTS

▲† **Calif., Lemoore**—FUEL SYS.—Pub. Wks. Office, 12th Naval Dist., Room C 112, San Bruno, 1st and 2nd increments of fuel sys. at U. S. Naval Air Station. $1,500,000. Earl & Wright, 233 Sansome St., San Francisco, consult. engrs. CD 9/8.

▲ **Conn., Windsor Locks**—RUNWAYS—State P. Wks. Dpt., 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, extension runways, Bradley Field, taxiways, crash and maintenance bldg., freight terminal bldg., terminal bldg. addn. $1,300,000. CD 1/15/56.

▲ **Que., Chicbougamau**—AIRPORT—Dpt. of Transport, Hunter Bldg., Ottawa, Ont., airport, $1,000,000.

PUERTO RICO

▲ **Puerto Rico, San Juan**—OFFICE—El Mundo Enterprises Inc., Roosevelt Ave., 10 story, 492,430 sq. ft. newspaper and office bldg., TV (telemundo) and radio WKAQ, $15,000,000. The Austin Co., 600 5 Ave., New York, N. Y., U.S.A., consult. engrs.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

▲ **Calif., Charter Oak**—SCHOOLS—Charter Oak Elem. School Dist., $2,500,000 bond election Feb. 10, schools.

▲ **Calif., La Jolla**—INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY and ENGINEERING—Bd. Regents, University of California, La Jolla, plans by Risley & Gould, 2502 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles, Institute of Technology and Engineering 1st stage of development. $15,000,000.

▲ **Calif., Martinez**—HOSPITAL—Veterans Admin., 1305 Franklin St., Oakland, plans by Confer & Willis, and Hertzka & Knowles and Charles Luckman & Assoc., 366-40th St., Oakland, 500 bed Veterans Hospital, south of Arnold Hy. $9,700,000. CD 7/30.

▲ **Calif., Redwood City**—COUNTY OFFICE—San Mateo County, Hall of Justice, Redwood City, plans by Leo J. Sharps, Albert W. Kahl, Irving R. Brown, Archts. Associated, 1120-7th Ave., San Mateo, county office bldg. $1,750,000. R. J. Fisher, 836 Crocker Bldg., San Francisco, consult. engrs. CD 6/25.

▲ **Colo., Canon City**—SCHOOL—School Dist. No. 1, Fremont Co., $1,305,000 bond election Feb. 3, high school and addn. to Harrison and McKinley Schools, Wheeler & Lewis, 2215 W. 32 Denver, archts. CD 8/19.

▲ **Conn., West Haven**—SCHOOLS—Town, Town Hall, Northern Junior High School, $1,500,000: elementary school, Melor Rd., Milhaven Heights, $500,000; elementary school Stiles School Area, $500,000; elementary school Allingtown, $500,000.

▲ **Ill., Park Forest**—SCHOOL, etc.—School Dist. 227, Sauk Trail, plans by Caudil Rowlett Scott & Assocs., 425 S. Main St., Bryan, Tex., high school, gymnasium, 203 N. Governors Hy., Olympia Fields, $1,500,000.

▲ **La., Monroe** — DORMITORIES — Northeast Louisiana State College, plans by Dorm-King Stubbs, 506-08 Burnhardt Bldg., Monroe, La., Proj. LA 16-CH-24D, women's dormitory; plans by Dorm-Livers & Hener, P. O. Box 52, Monroe, La., men's dormitory. $2,000,000. CD 12/19.

▲† **Me., Jonesport**—HOUSING—Dist. P. Wks. Office, First Naval Dist., 495 Summer St., Boston, Mass., plans by Alonzo J. Harriman, Inc., 292 Court St., Auburn, Me., WB 4-(Ch) 22967—Capehart housing, Radio Station, Cutler. $1,300,000. Bids in March-April.

▲ **Md., Baltimore**—SCHOOL—City, Bur. Bldg. Constr., 410 Municipal Bldg., Zone 2, plans by Meyer & Ayers, Federal Land Bank Bldg., Zone 18, 1, 2 and 3 story, brick, concrete steel Calverton Junior High School. $3,500,000-$4,000,000. CD 11/11.

▲ **Md., Towson**—SCHOOL—Baltimore Co. Bd. Educ., Aigburth Rd., Zone 4, plans by Meyer & Ayers, 2315 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Zone 18, 1 and 2 story, brick, concrete steel block Orems Elementary School, Acre Acres Estates ner Essex. $1,030,000. V. P. R. Saxe, 1761 St. Paul St., Baltimore 2, Md., structural engr. Jas. Posey, 10 E. Pleasant St., Baltimore 2, Md., mechanical engrs. (Correction—owner). CD 11/25.

▲ **Mass., Boston**—HOUSING for the ELDERLY—City Housing Auth., 230 Congress St., plans by Thomas F. McDonough, 140 Boylston St., housing for the elderly, incl. 56 units, Bromley Park, Roxbury. $1,000,000. FAP. CD 10/1.

▲ **Minn., St. Paul**—CROP RESEARCH—Regents of the University of Minnesota, 404 Administration Bldg., Minneapolis, plans by Hammel & Green, 1932½ University Ave., crop research bldg., on St. Paul Campus. $3,000,000. Constr. 1959. CD 6/7/57.

▲ **Minn., Virginia**—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ. Independent School Dist. No. 706, plans by Haarstick-Lundgren & Assocs., N. 212 First Natl. Bank Bldg., St. Paul, Senior High School. $2,500,000. Constr. 1959.

▲ **Miss., Jackson**—AUDITORIUM—City, City Hall, plans by Overstreet, Ware & Ware, 414 S. State St., 1 story, brick, concrete auditorium, incl. music hall, exhibit areas, etc. between South West and Farish Sts. and Pascagoula and spur tracks of Illinois Central R.R. $1,000,000. (Correction—location of project.) CD 1/15.

▲ **Mo., Sikeston**—HOUSING—City Housing Auth., E. R. Inman, exec. dir., Box 86, plans by Buchmueller, Whiteworth & Assocs., archts.-engrs., 1 Peachtree Lane, Sikeston, Mo., 106 one story brick veneer, etc. semi-detached duplex bldgs., $1,308,000; 44 one story duplex bldgs. $635,536. Bids Spring 1959.

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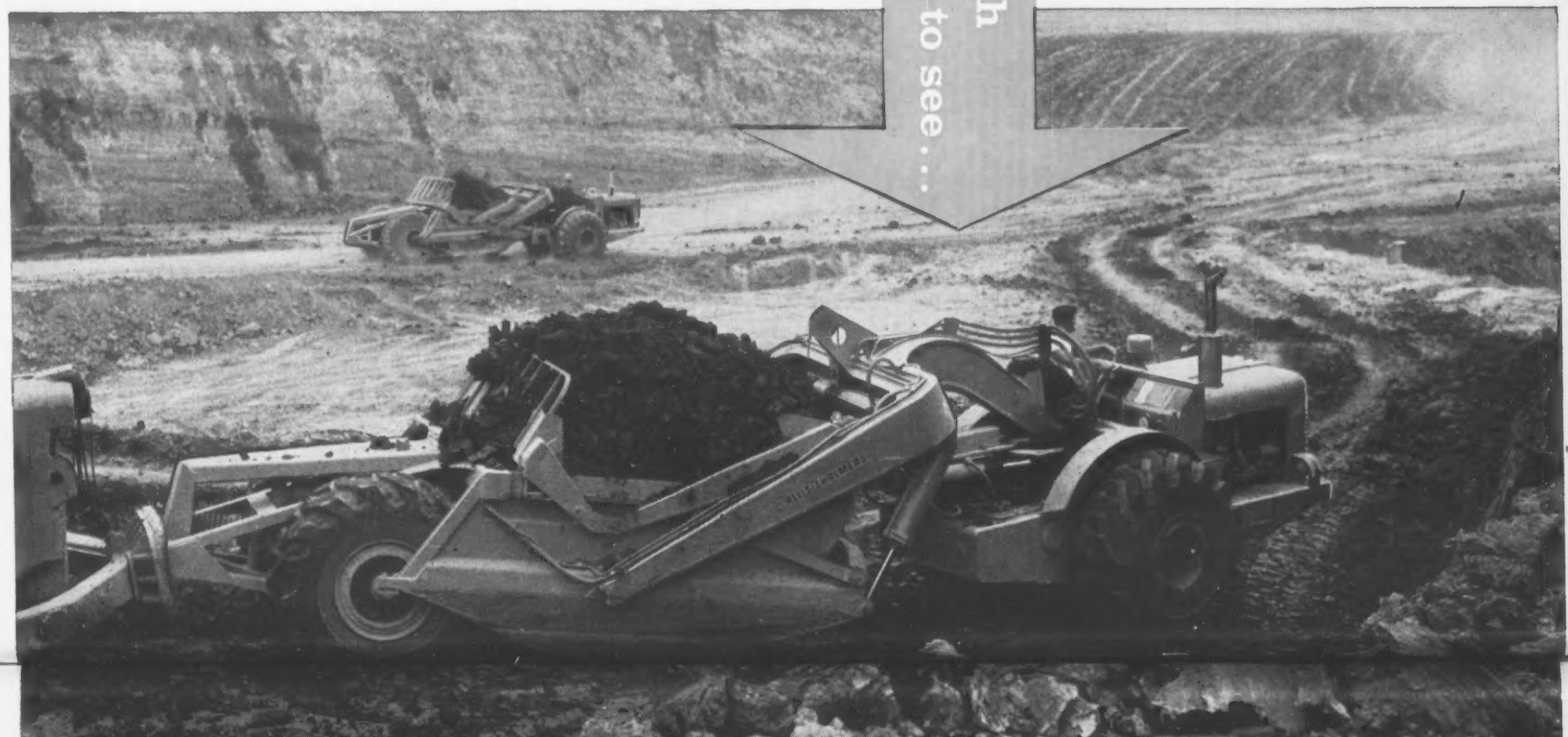

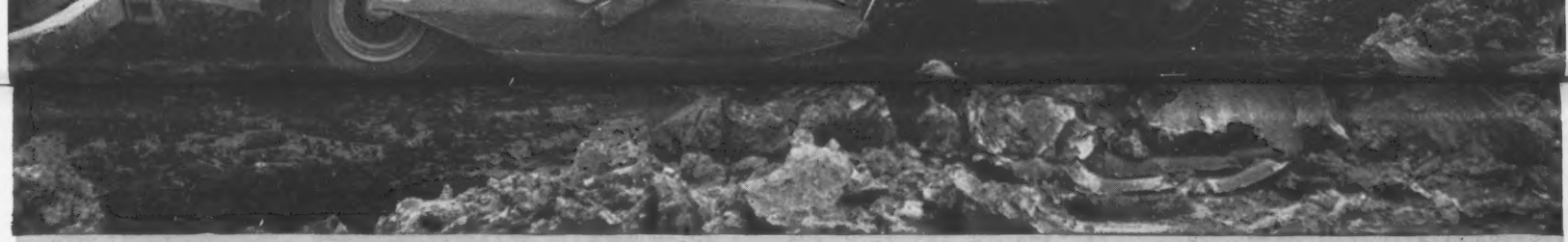

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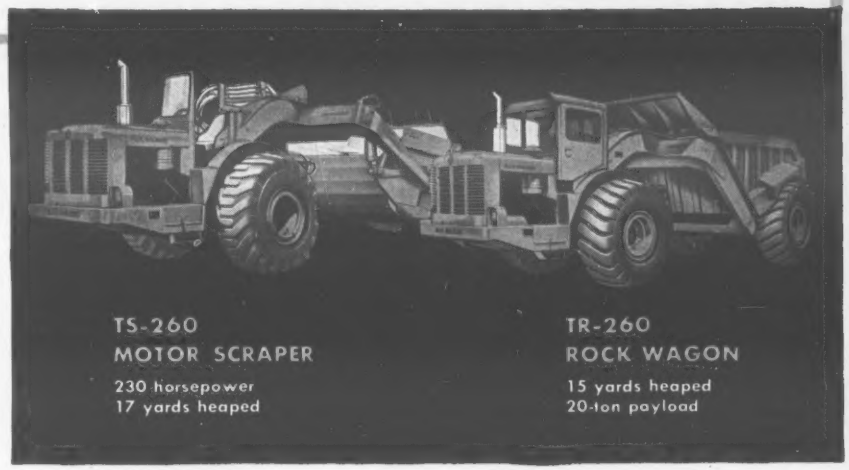

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▲ **N. J., Bridgeton** — HOUSING — Bridgeton Housing Auth., plans by Barnett D. Singer, 15 Benmore Terrace, Bayonne, 150 unit housing. $1,250,000.

▲ **N. J., Franklinville**—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ. Regional Dist. of Elk & Franklin Twps., Referendum to approve project and authorize bonds Jan. 13, school, Blackwoodtown Rd. $1,750,000. Micklewright & Mountford, E. Stuyvesant Ave., Trenton, archts. CD 7/28.

▲ **N. J., South River**—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., Lexington Ave., plans by Micklewright & Mountford, 90 Stuyvesant Ave., Trenton, high school, $1,750,000, Bids soon. CD 12/10/45.

▲ **N. J., Trenton**—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., 9 S. Stockton St., plans by Micklewright & Mountford, 90 E. Stuyvesant Ave., elementary school to replace existing Cadwalader School, Edgewood Ave. area, $1,068,000; plans by Hankin, Stull & Backes, 495 W. Hanover St., elementary school, Girard Ave. to replace existing McClellan and Columbus Schools, $1,017,000; plans by Kramer, Hirsch & Carchidi, 115 W. State St., 10-room elementary school to be built on site of present McClellan School, $474,000; and elementary school, site of present Columbus School, $476,000. CD 4/23.

▲ **N. J., Trenton**—LABOR DPT.—State Dpt. Purchases & Property, State House, Trenton, plans by Frank Grad & Sons, 11 Commerce St., Newark, labor dpt. bldg., Delaware River. $9,000,000. CD 3/23/55.

▲ **N. J., Union City**—HOUSING—Housing Auth. of City of Union City, 3911 Hudson Blvd., 16 story apartment, Washington Park area, 4th to 8th Sts., Central Ave. and West St. $3,000,000.

▲ **N. M., Las Cruces**—HOSPITAL—Dona Ana Co., Bd. Commrs., Memorial General Hospital. $1,200,000-$2,500,000.

▲ **N. Y., Dunkirk**—COUNTY HOME—Bd. Supervs. Chautauqua Co., Court House, Mayville, County Home. $1,800,000. site changed. CD 1/6 under Mayville.

▲ **N. Y., Greenburgh**—HOUSING—Greenburgh Housing Auth., Tarrytown Rd., Elmsford, N. Y., low-rent housing for 100 families, Fairview Area. $1,634,000.

▲ **N. Y., North Tonawanda**—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., 236 Goundry St., plans by Pfohl, Stoll & Roberts, 187 Niagara St., Buffalo, high school. $3,000,000. CD 12-22.

▲ **O., Akron**—SCHOOL—Springfield Twp. Bd. Educ., 2966 Sanitarium Dr., plans by W. B. Huff & Assocs., 1050 N. Main St., Junior High School. $1,280,000. CD 11/10.

▲ **O., Ashland**—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., bond election May 5, schools. $2,950,000. CD 11/10.

▲ **O., Newark**—SCHOOL—Newark P. Schools plans by Perkins & Will, 309 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill. 1 and 2 story, structural steel, brick high school. $3,000,000. CD 5/13/57.

▲ **Tex., San Antonio**—PLANT, etc.—City Public Service Bd., Navarro and Villita Sts., 100,000-kw electric generating plant unit, W. B. Tuttle Plant $12,500,000 ($3,800,000 1959). natural gas sys. imprvs. (mains, laterals, boosters stations, rehabilitation) $6,000,000. transmission line extens., transmission line imprvs., sub-stations, meters; rehabilitation. $7,000,000. constr. 1959. CD 6/4/53.

▲ **Wash., Seattle**—SCHOOL—Shoreline Public Schools, E. 158 St. and 20 Ave. N.E., Zone 55, election March 3 on special levy to aid in financing high school, $2,344,978. CD 12/2.

▲ **Wash., Sedro Woolley**—HOSPITAL—State Dpt. of Institutions, Olympia, plans by Decker & Christenson, 1411 4 Ave. Bldg., Seattle, Zone 1, receiving, treatment, medical and surgical bldg. at Northern State Hospital, $1,793,200. CD 11/13.

▲ **Alta., Edmonton**—POST OFFICE—Dpt. P. Wks., Hunter Bldg., Ottawa, Ont., post office, $3,500,000.

▲ **Alta., Edmonton**—POSTAL TERMINAL—Dpt. P. Wks., Hunter Bldg., Ottawa, Ont., Postal Terminal A extens., 10426 98th St., $1,750,000.

▲ **Que., Louiseville**—HOME—Provincial Dpt. of Social Welfare, Parliament Bldgs., Quebec City, Home for Aged, $1,000,000.

▲ **Que., Quebec City**—FEDERAL—Dpt. P. Wks., Hunter Bldg., Ottawa, Ont., Old Age Pension and Family Allowances Office, Gignac St., $2,500,000.

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

▲ **Alaska, Anchorage**—HOTEL—Walter J. Hickel, Anchorage, and Michel T. Halbouty, 511 Westheimer Rd., Houston, Tex., plans by Hedrick & Stanley, 5201 Fannin St., Houston, Tex., 200 room hotel. $5,500,000. Edwin Crittenden & Assocs., Anchorage, assoc. archts. CD 1/14.

▲ **Alaska, Anchorage**—OFFICE—Walter J. Hickel, Anchorage, and Michel T. Halbouty, 511 Westheimer Rd., Houston, Tex., plans by Hedrick & Stanley, 5201 Fannin St., Houston, Tex., 130,000 sq. ft. office. $4,500,000. Edwin Crittenden & Assocs., Anchorage, assoc. archts. CD 1/14.

▲ **Calif., Hayward**—HOSPITAL—St. Rose Hospital, Inc., c/o Stone, Mulloy, Marraccini & Patterson, archts., 536 Mission St., San Francisco, St. Rose Hospital, Eastshore Hy. and Tennyson Rd. $4,000,000.

▲ **Calif., Livermore**—HOSPITAL—Hospital Committee, for Livermore-Pleasanton Area, c/o Stone, Malloy, Marraccini & Patterson, archts., 536 Mission St., San Francisco, 1 story 46 bed. Valley Memorial Hospital. $1,000,000.

▲ **Calif., San Rafael**—SUBDIVISION—Mrs. Ellen Ross, Welcome Lane, 32-acre housing subdivision, St. Francis Estates at end of Locust Ave. $1,000,000.

▲ **Colo., Denver**—HOSPITAL—St. Anthony's Hospital, West 16 and Quitman, plans by C. L. Monnot, 3013½ Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Okla. and Linder, Wright & White, 831 14 St., 5 story, 150 beds hospital addn. expansion. $3,000,000. CD 12/17/56.

▲ **Colo., Englewood** — HOSPITAL — Swedish Hospital, 3451 South Clarkson, plans by Fisher, Fisher & Davis, Denver National Bldg., Denver, 108-bed wing hospital expansion. $2,500,000.

▲ **Colo., Littleton**—SHOPPING CENTER—Jack Wagenblast, 2141 S. Broadway, plans by Horace L. Brand, c/o owner, shopping center, 120,000 sq. ft. parking area. $1,000,000. CD 6/30.

▲ **Ga., Atlanta** — HOSPITAL — Holy Family Hospital, Medical Center, 33 Payer St. N.E., 150-bed hospital at Harwell and Collier Rds. $1,250,000.

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—BANK—Bell Savings & Loan Assn., 79 W. Monroe St., Zone 3, 3 story, savings and loan bank addn. $1,000,000. Bids about Aug. 1.

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—BANK—Mercantile Bank, 541 W. Jackson Blvd., plans by Friedman, Alschuler & Sincere, 223 W. Jackson Blvd., 4 story bank and 11 story office, Clinton and Jackson Blvd. $6,000,000. CD 12/12/57.

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—SCHOOL—University of Chicago, 5801 Ellis Ave., plans by Perkins & Will, 309 W. Jackson Blvd., Zone 6, 3 story, 92,000 sq. ft. high school addn. $2,000,000.

▲ **Ill., River Forest**—RESIDENCE HALL—Concordia College, 7400 Augusta St., plans by Perkins & Will, 309 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Zone 6, men's residence hall, incl. heating plant and service bldg., $1,150,000.

▲ **Ind., Fort Wayne**—OFFICE—Midwestern United Life Insurance Co., 229 W. Berry St., office bldg., east side of U. S. 24 one mile west of Time Corners. $1,000,000.

▲ **Ind., Indianapolis** — OFFICE-BANK — Merchants National Bnak & Trust Co., Indiana Trust Bldg., plans by Lennox, Matthews, Simmons & Ford, 3949 Meadows St., 3 story, 60,000 sq. ft. office-bank, $2,000,000. CD 12/11.

▲ **Ind., Indianapolis** — FINE ARTS — Trustees, Butler University, fine arts bldg. on campus, at N.W. corner 46th and Sunset Sts. $2,000,000.

▲ **Ind., Noblesville** — HOSPITAL — Riverside Hospital Foundation, 4 story wing hospital addn. $1,000,000.

▲ **Ind., Plainfield** — HOMES — Owners, c/o Ralph G. Woolpert, consult. engr., 360 W. First St., Dayton, O., 1,300 homes, shopping center, Chas. S. Rauh farm site. $5,000,000.

▲ **Ind., Valparaiso**—DORMITORY—Valparaiso University, 651 College Ave., plans by Stade, Dolan & Anderson, 819 Busse Hy., Park Ridge, Ill., 2 or 3 story, brick girls dormitory bldg. on campus. $1,000,000.

▲ **Iowa, Bettendorf**—STORES, etc.—Summit Center Corp., 120,000 sq. ft. floor for stores and offices, southeast corner Kimberly Hy. and Middle Rd. $1,500,000.

▲ **Mass., Cambridge**—OFFICE—Owner, c/o R. M. Bradley & Co., archts., 250 Boylston St., Boston, 8 story office. $2,400,000. Bids in Spring.

▲ **Minn., St. Paul**—NURSING HOME—A. H. Wilder Foundation, Wilder Bldg., plans by Ellerbe & Co., E. 505 First Natl. Bank Bldg., St. Paul, Minn., 3 story Nursing Home, George St. and Humboldt Ave. $1,300,000. Constr. 1959.

▲ **Mo., Kansas City**—SHOPPING CENTER—Paul Hamilton Development Co., 1016 Baltimore, Kansas City, Mo., plans by Frangkiser & Hutchens, 7926 State Line, Kansas City, Mo., 20,000 sq. ft. Northland Shopping Center, incl. parking. $1,000,000.

▲ **Mo., Kansas City**—HOTEL—Trianon Co., Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Mo., 15 story hotel addn. $2,000,000.

▲ **Mo., Kirksville** — DORMITORY, etc. — College of Osteopathy & Surgery, (Mo. 23-Ch-51D) men's dormitory (76) and family housing (24) $1,000,000.

▲ **N. J., Newark**—OFFICE—J. M. Tenney Corp., 535 5 Ave., New York, N. Y., plans by Freidin-Studley Assocs., 342 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., 12 story office bldg., 657 Broad St. $2,500,000.

▲ **N. Y., Buffalo**—STORE—Adam, Meldrum & Anderson, 404 Main St., plans by G. Morton Wolfe, 1377 Main St., 3 story, 27,000 sq. ft. store addn., University Plaza, Main St., city line. $1,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—DORMITORY, etc.—Barnard College, 606 W. 120th St., New York, N. Y., plans by O'Connor and Kilham, 101 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y., Dormitory and Student Center, Broadway and W. 116th St. $2,200,000. CD 1/7.

▲ **N. Y., West Seneca**—STORE, etc.—South Gate Plaza, plans by Joseph J. Geigland, 234 Orange St., Buffalo, N. Y., 2 story, 140,000 sq. ft. masonry store, incl. filling station, parking facilities. $1,800,000. Sears Roebuck Co., lessee.

▲ **O., Parma**—SHOPPING CENTER—Parmatown, Inc., 700 Marshall Blvd., Cleveland, Zone 13, plans by John Graham & Co., 444 5th Ave., New York, N. Y. and Weinberg & Teare, Citizens Blvd., Cleveland, Zone 14, 209,000 sq. ft. Parmatown Shopping Center addn. $8,000,000.

▲ **Tenn., Nashville**—HOSPITAL—St. Thomas Hospital, Hayes Ave., plans by Woolwine, Harwood & Clark, 21st floor, Life & Casualty Tower, 102 bed hospital addn. for Sisters of Charity. $2,500,000. CD 1/14/58.

▲ **Tex., Beaumont**—OFFICE, etc.—Raymond D. Nasher, Republic Bank Bldg. and Centex Constr. Co., 4606 Greenville Ave., Dallas, plans by Harrell & Hamilton, 819 Republic Bank Bldg., Dallas, archts.-consult. engrs., 12, 15 or 20 story office, $2,000,000-$4,000,000, auto parking garage, $275,000. Sun Oil Co. primary lessee. CD 1/7.

▲ **Tex., Houston**—HOTEL, etc.—(Syndicate) Hotel Development Co. of Texas, c/o Curtis & Davis, archts.-consult. engrs., 720 Union St., New Orleans, La., 350-500 room hotel $5,000,000-$10,000,000, auto parking garage, $500,000. Hotel Corp. of America, lessee.

▲ **Tex., San Antonio**—DWELLINGS—Denton & Karren Co., Inc., 1042 Milam Bldg., plans by Hesson & May, 148 Olmos Dr. West and Reginald Roberts Assocs., 2600 N. McCullough Ave., 135 dwellings. $2,146,475. CD 11/26, under Lloyd A. Denton & Assocs. as owners.

▲ **Alta., Lethbridge**—OFFICE—McIntyre Ranching Co., 529 6th St. S., office, 5th and 8th Aves. S. $1,000,000.

▲ **B. C., Vancouver**—HOTEL—Owner, c/o Allen C. Smith & Assocs., engrs., 1075 Melville St., 4 story, 120 x 225 ft., 105 room luxury hotel, incl. parking. $1,000,000. Constr. in February.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

▲ **Ark., Crossett**—MILL—Crossett Paper Mills (Division of Crossett Co.) addn., incl. 180 ft. bleached floorboard machine room, installation 29 addnl. dryers, etc. $3,400,000. Rust Engineering Co., 2316 4 Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala., consult. engr.

▲ **Calif., Herald**—PLANT—Mexico Refactories, P.O. Box 267, Mexico, Mo., mfg. plant for mfg. fire brick. $2,000,000.

▲ **Ill., Peoria**—BREWERY—Pabst Brewing Co., 917 W. Juneau St., Milwaukee, Wis., brewery expansion, incl. bottling lines and aging facilities, $1,000,000. Bids about May.

▲ **Ky., Louisville**—PRINTING PLANT—Fawcett-Dearing Printing Co., 1100 W. Broadway, plans by O. P. Ward, 1511 Washington Bldg., Zone 2, printing plant adjacent to present plant, 12th and Broadway. $1,000,000. Constr. in Spring.

▲ **Pa., Lancaster**—PLANT, etc.—Ohio Boxboard Co., Rittman, O., 80,000 sq. ft. mfg. plant, 6,000 sq. ft. office bldg. $2,000,000.

▲ **Wyoming**—PLANT—Federal Uranium Corp., 1370 3rd West St., Salt Lake City, Utah, 520 tons per day uranium processing plant, Gas Hills Section, east of Riverton, $3,370,000.

▲ **Que., Oka**—MILL—St. Lawrence River Mines, c/o P. E. Riverin, Dpt. of Mining, University of Montreal, 2900 Block, Mont Royal, 500 ton day mill, columbium mining development. $2,500,000. To go ahead 1961.

▲ **Que., Ste. Therese**—PLANT—Reichold Chemical (Canada) Ltd., 1919 Wilson Ave., Toronto, anhydride chemical plant extens., $1,000,000.

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▲ **Ill., Chicago**—SUBWAYS, etc.—Chicago Transit Authority, Merchandise Mart, Zone 54,
West Side Subway (Congress Expressway) exten. to Des-Plaines Ave. in Forest Park, $14,636,000.
Northwest Rapid Transit — Logan Square elevated to Northwest Expressway, $31,000,000.
Washington bus subway in Washington St. between Canal and Michigan Ave., $15,000,000.
South Side Rapid Transit—in median strip of South Expressway from 30 St. to 103 St., $31,750,000.
Southwest Rapid Transit from Halsted St. along Illinois-Michigan Canal to Cicero Ave., $7,000,000.
subway through central business district, $25,000,000.
Jackson Blvd. Subway, E-W subway in Jackson Blvd. connecting West Side Subway to Grant Park, $20,000,000.
Lake St. routing via West Side subway, Lake St. Rapid Transit and West Side Subway via Chicago Belt R.R. elevated r/w, $3,500,000.
Englewood Clearing extens., Englewood Rapid Transit from 63 St. and Loomis Ave. into Clearing Dist. at 63 and Cicero Sts., $20,500,000.
California-Western Ave. Rapid Transit—rapid transit sys. route in cross-town expressway, $14,000,000. CD 6/11/57.

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—TV TOWER, etc.—WGN TV Station, 441 N. Michigan Ave., Zone 11, 2½ story, 200 ft. structural steel TV tower and broadcasting station, Campbell Ave. and Addison St. $3,000,000.

▲ **Ind., Fort Wayne** — UNDERGROUND POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM—Indiana & Michigan Elec. Co., 2101 Spy Run, underground power distr. sys. $1,500,000. 1959 program.

▲ **Iowa, Davenport**—RECREATION CENTER—Scott Co. Conservation Bd., Co. Courthouse, development county recreation center on 1,220-acre tract, east of Hy. 61, Butler Twp., about 14 mi. north of here. $1,000,000. Park Planning Assocs., 408½ Douglas St., Ames, consult. engrs.

▲ **Ohio**—GAS STORAGE FACILITIES—East Ohio Gas Co., 1405 E. Sixth, Cleveland, enlarge gas storage facilities in underground area of Stark-Summit Counties near Doylestown, over $1,000,000; gas drilling program for 1959 to incl. drilling 15 new production wells to depths of 3,500 ft. in northeastern Ohio area, $605,000; enlarge underground gas storage piping sys. Stark-Summit Co. Storage Field, Doylestown, $180,000. CD 10/10/52.

▲ **O., Toledo** — RACE TRACK, etc. — Toledo Raceway Park, 210 E. Alexis Rd., horse race track, clubhouse, grandstands, etc., Dixie Hy. and Alexis Rd. $1,000,000. Constr. early Spring.

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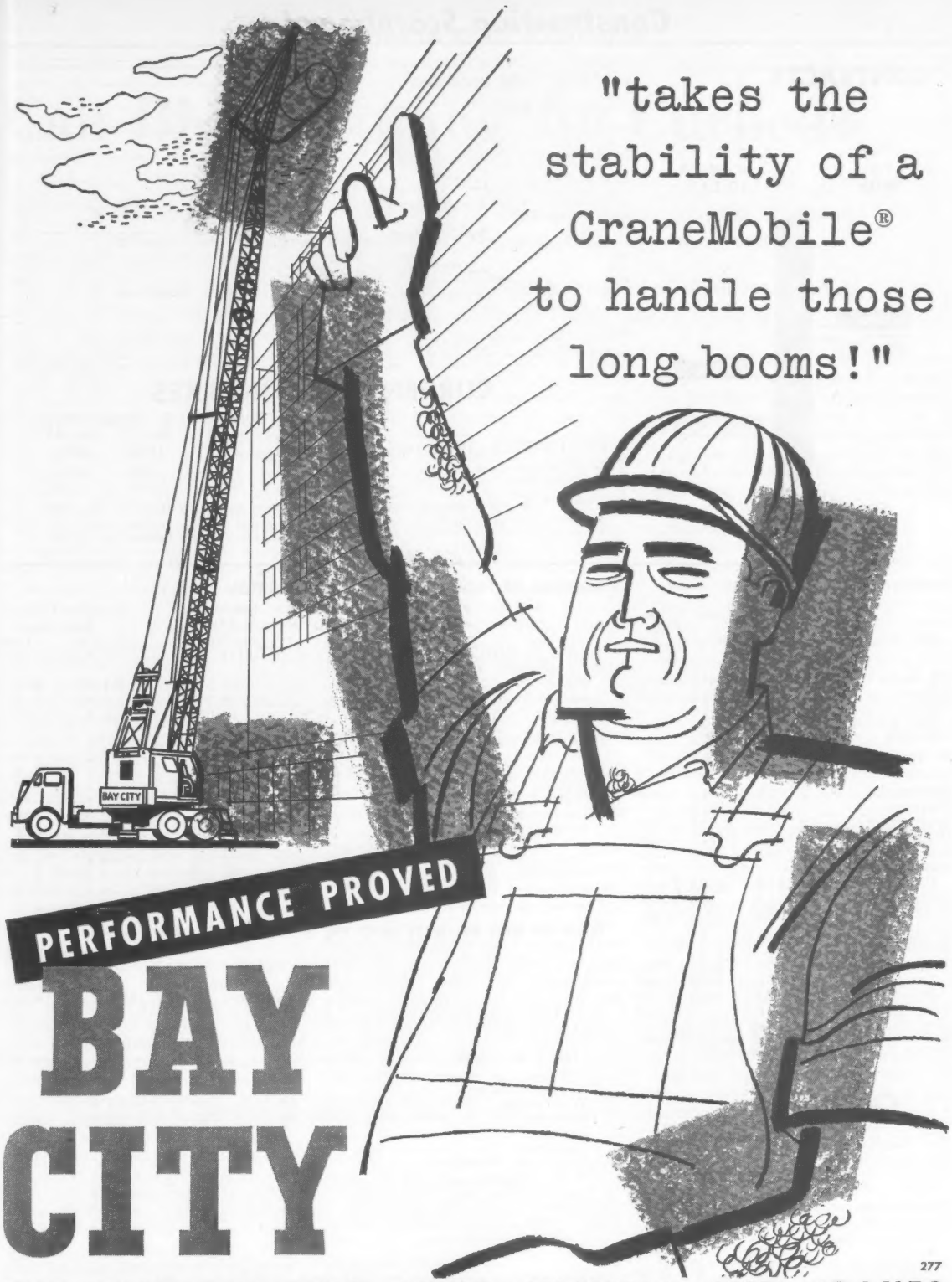

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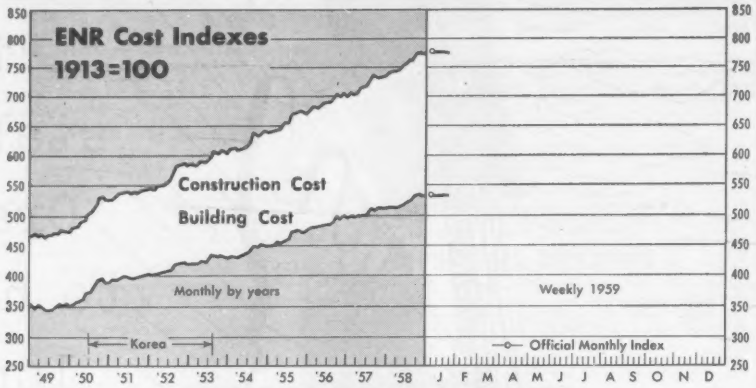

CURRENT COST INDEXES

ENR INDEXES (1913=100), 20-cities' average	Week of Jan. 22 1959	% Change from Dec. 25 1958	% Change from Jan. 23 1958
Construction Cost	778.48	+0.6	+4.7
Building Cost	536.91	+0.4	+4.0

Official January Indexes appeared here Jan. 8: Official February Indexes will appear here next week.

To convert above indexes to 1926 = 100: Divide Construction Cost by 2.080; Building Cost by 1.850.
1949 = 100: Divide Construction Cost by 4.770; Building Cost by 3.518.

AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS LET

By Ownership	This Week	Cum. 5 wks 1959	Chge '58-'59 %
	millions		
All Heavy Constr.	$418.2	$1,641.1	+30
Private	231.4	685.5	+32
Public	186.8	955.6	+30
State & Municipal	125.9	655.0	+7
Federal	60.9	300.6	+38
By Type of Work			
Public			
Waterworks	8.0	34.4	+50
Sewerage	10.7	57.6	−3
Bridges*	15.7	72.6	+165
Highways	39.1	234.9	+19
Earthwork, Waterways	10.3	55.8	−53
Buildings, Excl. Housing	67.3	276.0	+56
Housing	5.7	48.8	−44
Unclassified	30.0	175.5	+286
Private			
Buildings			
Mass Housing	93.3	247.7	+36
Commercial	36.5	190.3	+48
Industrial	88.8	205.7	+19
Unclassified	12.8	41.8	+9

NOTE: Minimum size projects included are: Waterworks and waterways, $53,000; other public works, $88,000; industrial buildings, $110,000; other buildings, $400,000.

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New Capital for Construction	Week of Jan. 22	Cum. 4 wks 1959	Chge '58-'59 %
	millions		
Corporate Securities	$ 66.5	$165.6	−45
State and Municipal:			
All Except Housing	147.4	430.0	−19
Housing	1.3	1.3	+86
Federal Loans	0.5	4.5	+84
Federal Aid	...	....	....
Total Nonfederal	$215.7	$601.4	−30
Federal Appropriations:			
Projects in U. S.	...	....	....
Outside U. S.	...	....	....
Total New Capital	$215.7	$601.4	−30

BACKLOG OF PROPOSED HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

	December 1958 (millions)	Percent Change from last Month	Year
Total U. S. (ENR reported)	$114,175	+0.4	+ 2.4
By Ownership—			
Private	49,505	+1.0	+ 5.5
State & Municipal	50,593	−0.02	+ 0.1
Federal	14,078	−0.4	+ 0.5
By Type of Work—			
Waterworks	2,660	+1.2	+ 9.8
Sewerage	3,576	−0.5	+ 6.4
Bridges	3,336	−1.4	+ 0.7
Highways	12,920	−1.1	− 2.0
Earthwork, Waterways	11,906	−0.03	− 3.7
Public Buildings	20,658	+0.7	+ 2.2
Industrial Buildings	17,075	+1.9	+ 1.8
Commercial Buildings	22,392	+0.4	+10.6
Unclassified, Private	10,038*	+0.6	+ 1.4
Unclassified, Public	9,614	−0.3	+ 0.9

* Includes private bridges, $83 million

FLOW OF NEW PROJECTS INTO THE BACKLOG

	1958 Dec.	1958 12-months	Percent Change from '57 Dec.	Year Cum.
	(millions)			
Total U. S. (ENR reported)	$1,610	$16,650	+ 20.0	−18.3
By Ownership—				
Private	1,019	7,353	+100.4	−17.2
State & Municipal	529	7,051	− 27.0	−26.9
Federal	63	2,247	− 42.7	+21.9
By Type of Work—				
Waterworks	44	510	+ 18.0	+ 3.9
Sewerage	24	733	− 58.4	+19.6
Bridges	2	413	− 94.0	−36.6
Highways	53	1,777	− 79.7	−29.0
Earthwork, Waterways	43	678	+1,302.6	−58.0
Public Buildings	377	4,061	+ 23.4	− 5.6
Industrial Buildings	493	1,748	+436.8	−44.7
Commercial: Mass Housing	183	2,214	− 16.4	− 1.1
Other Building	213	2,876	+ 66.3	+17.4
Unclassified, Private	130	513	+ 97.8	−50.2
Unclassified, Public	47	1,125	− 64.6	−14.6

FLOW OF PROJECTS OUT OF BACKLOG INTO CONTRACTS

Total U. S. (ENR reported)	$792	$10,179	+ 56.4	+ 8.7
By Ownership—				
Private	243	2,791	+ 31.0	−20.4
State and Municipal	438	5,598	+ 55.1	+22.2
Federal	111	1,790	+189.3	+39.5

Can Bid Shopping Be Curbed?

- **"It's the greatest sin in the industry," says an Atlanta contractor, and many others seem to agree with him. But the practice is still widespread.**
- **In some areas, there are experimental plans designed to eliminate bid shopping. Here's a report on what they are and how they're working . . .**

Bid shopping and peddling may not be the "greatest sin" in construction. But it's a tough problem for many contractors and subs. Some of them describe it as a "cancer" in the industry and a practice that has to be curtailed.

There have been attempts to push anti-bid shopping legislation through Congress and in local legislatures.

It's possible that legislative plans will appear in eight states this year, an ENR survey shows. They are: Texas, Massachusetts, Arkansas, North Carolina, Florida, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Some will be seen for the first time; others will be taking a perennial bow.

The proposals will include licensing measures, introduction of single-package bidding or a change from single-package bidding to separate bids from generals and subcontractors. But no matter what form the proposals take, all will be aimed at improving bidding procedures and minimizing bid shopping.

Various methods are being used to curb bid shopping and peddling, but all of them seem to have drawbacks. Here are the most important methods:

- Bid depositories
- Bid registration on package contracts
- Separate contracts for general and subcontractors
- Codes of ethics
- Two-hour and four-hour bid plans

The bid depository seems to hold out the best hope for curbing abuses in subcontractors' bidding procedures, some contractors believe. It is now working effectively in Seattle, Columbus, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston, Fresno, San Francisco, Stockton and St. Paul.

The new St. Paul plan is typical of the bid depositories. Each member of the local chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association, when he wishes to bid, furnishes a designated bank with initial information on the job, type of work and other details. The bank then gives that contractor the names of any others who have also furnished information on that job.

Each contractor deposits a sealed bid with the bank. The bank holds these bids until after the general contract is awarded. Two hours after the contract is let, the bank opens the bids, tabulates the information and forwards it to the NECA chapter manager. He then makes the information public, preventing the general contractor from misrepresenting the low bid if he starts to bid-shop (ENR Dec. 25, 1958, p 124).

In the Fresno plan, a general contractor may remove sealed bids from the depository. In doing so, he is making a tentative contract with the subcontractor who supplied the lowest bid, a sealed copy of which is retained by the depository. The general contractor, if he wins the contract, is then legally obligated to accept the subcontractor who submitted the low bid.

Although many subcontractors' associations are now considering bid depositories, two loopholes hamper its wide acceptance:

- The plan requires almost 100% participation by the subcontractors within a given trade in the community. Contractors who refuse to join gain a competitive advantage over participants, thus minimizing the effectiveness of the plan. Because of the need for complete cooperation, only bid depositories within a local area and restricted to one or a few trades are successful.
- The plan can lead to collusion among subcontractors in a given trade. The NECA warns its members the plan has been used as a "cloak for bid rigging, price fixing or other restraint of trade." The Federal Trade Commission has sued subcontractor groups that used the bid depository to reduce competition rather than promote it.

In Massachusetts, bidding procedures on public works are established by statute and resemble the bid depository system. State officials call it the "best system in the country."

Subcontractors are required to file sealed bids with the awarding agency. The agency opens bids publicly and then forwards the list of bidders to the general contractors. The general contractor need not accept the lowest bidder, but after he chooses his subcontractor he must stick with him. Substitutions are permitted only when the sub selected is financially or professionally unable to perform the work.

Bid registration laws are a common means of tightening subcontractors' bidding procedures. They require a general contractor to list his subs when he submits his package bid.

In California, for example, the Subcontractor's Listing Law prohibits general contractors from substituting subcontractors not listed in the package bid, without a specified cause and without approval by the awarding agency. General contractors who violate the law are penalized 20% of the amount of the subcontract involved.

Some registration laws allow the general contractor five days from date of contract award to change the subs listed in the original package bid. Critics say these laws merely limit the duration of bid shopping, without eliminating the practice.

The same critics add that even laws requiring a general contractor to remain with his listed sub from the day of contract award do not wipe out bid shopping. Instead, the general contractors shop the subcontractors before they submit their package bid.

Laws requiring separate contracts for subcontractors and general contractors on public works are strongly favored by most subcontractors' associations.

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What Is Bid Shopping?

When a general contractor threatens to take his business away from a subcontractor unless the sub cuts his bid, he is "bid shopping."

When a subcontractor offers to do a job for less than the previous low bid, he is "bid peddling."

Separate contract laws require subcontractors to submit their own bids on a job and sign their contracts directly with the awarding agency.

New York State, for example, requires four separate contracts—structural, plumbing, heating and air conditioning and electrical.

Opponents of separate contract laws argue that the procedure fails to centralize responsibility. They say it results in slower construction schedules and less efficient construction management. On the other hand, they contend, the single contract method places responsibility where it should be—on the general contractor. "When you have a half a dozen subs responsible to the owner, and not the general contractor, you have an awful mess," says an Oregon contractor.

Proponents of the separate contracts say it discourages bid shopping and peddling.

"Furthermore," says a Dallas subcontractor, "mechanical and electrical work sometimes represents 50% to 85% of the total dollar cost of a project. With this the case, it is rather ridiculous to place the holders of these contracts under the control of another as subcontractors."

In their fight for separate contracts, plumbers and other subcontracting groups have been consistently opposed by a coalition of the Associated General Contractors of America and mechanical specialty contractors groups (including the National Electrical Contractors Association, Mechanical Contractors Association, and Sheet Metal Contractors).

That was the way the sides lined up on the anti-bid-shopping bill that died in the Senate last year. The bill called for registration of subs by the general contractor in his bid for federal work over $100,000.

A code of Ethical Bidding Practices adopted by St. Louis subcontractors and the local chapter of the AGC is meeting with some success. The code sets forth in detail a bidding procedure that makes bid shopping and peddling virtually impossible.

It requires a subcontractor to submit his bid to the general contractor within four hours of the general contractor's deadline. It also prohibits altering a bid once it has been submitted and forbids a general contractor from quoting subcontract bids lower than those he has actually received.

Some construction men in other parts of the country think the codes are a step in the right direction. "Ethics in the building industry have gone to the dogs," says one Ohio builder.

But others say the codes are too idealistic to work in practice.

Airports: Collision Coming

Big Democratic construction bill will test President's strength; outcome may decide fate of other programs

Democratic Congressional leaders are racing to lay a $575-million airport construction bill before President Eisenhower as an early challenge to his "hold-the-line" plea on federal spending.

They are confident Congress will override a veto of the bill, which they may have on the President's desk before mid-February.

The issue—and the clear edge held by advocates of the stepped-up airport aid program—was evident last week as Sen. A. S. (Mike) Monroney's aviation subcommittee opened hearings on two proposals:

- The Monroney bill (S. 1), co-sponsored by 44 Senators, would authorize the Federal Aviation Agency to spend $100 million per year for the next five years on a matching fund basis. And a special fund of $75 million would be provided to meet acute need for jet-age improvements at some airports. A discretionary allocation beginning July 1 could be spent without regard to the state apportionment formula under which the rest of the money is allocated.
- The Administration program attempts to hold the federal airport aid program to $65 million in the next fiscal year—roughly the current level. The White House also wants to start an orderly withdrawal from the airport grant program. Thus, outlays would taper off to $55 million in fiscal year 1961, $45 million in fiscal 1962 and $35 million in fiscal 1963.

Elwood Quesada, FAA administrator, who spoke for the President's program, notes that the federal government has contributed $2.6 billion to civil airport development in the last 25 years.

He argued that "aviation has come of age. We must look forward to the day, in the not-very-distant future, when the vast majority of our airports will . . . be self-sustaining."

Witnesses who crowded the hearing room in behalf of the Monroney bill were clearly impatient with the idea that federal aid should be diminished in the face of problems created by jet aircraft and the growth of aviation in general.

Atlanta Mayor William B. Hartsfield endorsed the Monroney bill in behalf of the American Municipal Association and the U. S. Conference of Mayors. He said Administration "dilly-dallying" already has caused suspension of many airport construction plans. He added local governments have provided most of the money spent on airports.

Spokesmen for the nation's trunk airlines testified that studies show $1 billion will be needed for airport development in the next four years. Local and state sources can only supply about half of this, they said.

Although the Monroney bill thus has overwhelming support of the aviation industry, there is some desire for "improvements," particularly in the following areas:

- **Small airports.** The National Aviation Trades Association says too much of the federal-aid money has been going to major airports. Outlays for non-airline-type airports should be doubled—to 30% of the total airport aid program. The organization says single hard-surface strips, 1,800 to 3,000 ft in length, are especially needed.

Similarly, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association asks that 25% of the funds allocated to each state he designated for small airport projects.

Although Senator Monroney is sympathetic to such pleas, it is doubtful the bill will be so amended. The measure already contains provisions for allocating federal funds for periodic maintenance of both flexible and rigid pavements at small airports.

- **Terminal facilities.** Mayor Hartsfield urged the Senate subcommittee eliminate a provision of the Monroney bill excluding use of federal funds for airport parking lots or concession areas in terminals.

The Administration would even go further—allowing federal funds for runways, taxiways, aprons and tower facilities, but withholding them for any facilities "beyond the gate."

The Air Transport Association also argues that public waiting rooms, public toilets and facilities for checking in passengers and baggage are as necessary to the traveling public as runways.

Senate enactment of the Monroney bill is expected by February 1. House leaders also promise to speed the bill's passage, although the $75-million contingency fund may not survive House examination.

The big question is whether President Eisenhower will veto. Some Democrats almost welcome a veto as a chance to demonstrate their power to override.

New Budget: Corps Construction Hits New High

Corps of Engineers Projects
(over $7 million)

	Fiscal Years (in thousands) 1959	1960
Navigation		
Great Lakes Connecting Channels, Mich.	$24.0	$23.0
Delaware River	11.9	13.8
Locks and Dams		
Jackson Lock and Dam, Ala.	5.4	8.3
Illinois Waterway, Ill.	7.6	9.1
New Cumberland Locks and Dams, Ohio and W. Va.	9.2	7.0
Markland Lock and Dam, Ind., Ky. and Ohio	8.8	13.1
Greenup Locks and Dams, Ky. and Ohio	11.4	11.5
Lock and Dam 41, Ky. and Ind.	6.0	10.5
New Richmond Locks and Dam, Ky. and Ohio	3.7	9.4
Flood Control Projects		
Los Angeles County Drainage Area, Calif.	16.7	19.5
Central and Southern Florida	6.0	9.2
Reservoirs		
Terminus Reservoir, Calif.	4.9	7.3
Tuttle Creek Reservoir, Kans.	15.3	18.8
Keystone Reservoir, Okla.	8.7	18.5
Ologah Reservoir, Okla.	12.8	13.4
Multiple-Purpose Projects, Including Power		
Walter F. George Lock and Dam, Ala. and Ga.	10.4	15.5
Greers Ferry Reservoir, Ark.	4.3	11.3
Hartwell Reservoir, Ga. and S. C.	14.0	26.9
Fort Peck Dam, Mont. (2nd power plant)	6.0	8.3
Eufaula Reservoir, Okla.	8.0	13.9
Cougar Reservoir, Ore.	5.7	9.7
Hills Creek Reservoir, Ore.	10.7	9.8
John Day Lock and Dam, Ore. and Wash.	7.3	20.3
The Dalles Lock and Dam, Ore. and Wash.	12.5	7.1
Oahe Reservoir, S. Dak.	33.5	43.5
Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, Wash.	19.1	33.5

Bureau of Reclamation Projects
(over $2 million)

Boulder Canyon, Ariz., Nev.	$376	$2,900
Central Valley, Calif.	44,600	42,500
Collbran, Colo.	3,971	4,500
Fort Peck, Mont., N. D.	2,059	2,902
Washita Basin, Okla.	8,004	10,100
Crooked River, Ore.	2,043	2,833
Rogue River Basin, Talent Div., Ore.	8,348	2,748
San Angelo, Tex.	610	4,000
Weber Basin, Utah	5,790	5,835
Columbia Basin (irrigation), Wash.	10,917	8,000
Missouri Basin, Webster Unit, Kans.	1,294	3,115
Missouri Basin, Helena Valley Unit, Mont.	2,555	2,182
Missouri Basin, Bostwick Div., Neb., Kans.	1,882	2,338
Missouri Basin, Farwell Unit, Neb.	795	3,000
Missouri Basin, Frenchman-Cambridge Division, Neb.	3,600	4,076
Missouri Basin, Glendo Unit, Wyo.	11,296	2,118
Glen Canyon, Ariz.	47,595	47,367
Flaming Gorge, Utah	10,652	13,000
Navaho, N. M.	7,540	9,945
Paonia Project, Colo.	1,026	3,185

Construction spending on major projects accounts for a good chunk of budget expenditures to be made by the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation during fiscal year 1960, starting July 1.

Total Corps construction spending for civil works is budgeted at $711 million, the highest figure in history. The projects listed will take a sizable share of the total construction outlay.

But these jobs—each one budgeted for $7 million or more of Army outlays during the year—include none of the big new starts for which Congress appropriated fiscal 1959 funds.

The projects authorized last year will not be under contract soon enough to require $7 million worth of spending during fiscal 1960. The appropriations were pushed through at the tail end of the 1958 session, money did not become available until September, and technical details had to be worked out before advertising for bids.

Notable among these large new projects absent from the list are the $129-million flood protection job at St. Louis, the $98-million Pike Island Locks and Dam on the Ohio River in Ohio and West Virginia, the $47-million Beaver Reservoir on the White River in Arkansas and the $32-million John Redmond (formerly Strawn) Dam in Kansas.

Even on a full two-year basis, the programed spending for these projects up to the end of fiscal 1960 amounts to only $5.8 million for St. Louis, $2.6 million for Big Bend, $4.4 million for Pike Island, $705,000 in 1959 and nothing in 1960 for Beaver and $1.8 million for John Redmond. These figures include the portion of the 1959 starting fund scheduled to be spent before June 30.

For reclamation, budgeted construction spending in 1960 totals $198 million, down 8% from the $214 million estimated for the current year. Listed reclamation projects that are slated to spend more than $2 million next year account for the bulk of the 1960 total. In fact, five going jobs—budgeted for $10 million to $47 million each—will use up $123 million of the $198 million allotted for expenditure next year.

Congress last year voted starting money to begin construction of 10 new reclamation projects. Four of them are of fair size—in the $10-million range.

Two of these larger new projects—Ainsworth and Farwell—appear in the appended reclamation list of jobs that will get $2 million or more next year.

Labor Bill's Off to Poor Start

- **Labor Secretary Mitchell says any anti-racketeering bill must also tighten the controversial Taft-Hartley Act.**
- **Senator Kennedy says, "Let's first stop racketeering" without getting sidetracked by Taft-Hartley; that can come later.**

The stage is set for a repeat performance of last year's Kennedy-Ives labor reform bill debacle.

Last week Sen. John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.) introduced S. 505—the Labor-Management Reform Bill of 1959.

Like its predecessor, however, the bill is complete with a Title VI that contains a number of Taft-Hartley amendments. These include legalization of the pre-hire contract for construction unions, changes in the definition of "supervisor" and an attempt to reduce the jurisdictional "no-man's land."

The battle lines will be drawn this week when Senator Kennedy's Senate Labor Subcommittee begins hearings on the bill and on a counter proposal, opposed by organized labor, that the Administration is submitting.

House Labor Committee Chairman Graham Barden, due to follow with hearings shortly, predicts a "strong reform bill" will come out of his committee.

The big question is this: What will such a bill contain when reported out of committee? Perhaps labor reform provisions only; perhaps a package deal of reform and Taft-Hartley amendments; perhaps nothing.

• **The conflicts**—The Kennedy bill contains two important changes in Taft-Hartley tied to the anti-racketeering measure that the craft unions have long been lobbying for. But from the Republican side of Congress come two other amendments that the unions are resisting with equal determination.

Last week Labor Secretary Mitchell warned that "any bill that purports to be an anti-racketeering bill has to contain provisions tightening" Taft-Hartley rules. He spoke out in advance of the Eisenhower Administration's reform proposals, which center on new curbs against secondary boycotts and "blackmail picketing."

Countering the Republican position is the bill introduced by Senator Kennedy, who argues: "Let us first stop racketeering without becoming bogged down in the heated and complex issues raised by the entire Taft-Hartley Act." He promised his subcommittee would offer a full "Taft-Hartley" bill later—after reform is out of the way.

What's happening amounts to a series of efforts to tag some long-sought, controversial changes in the labor-management law to the high-riding, anti-racketeering issue. But Republicans and Democrats are split almost down the middle on which changes should be made in Taft-Hartley.

Nobody in Congress is betting that any over-all Taft-Hartley legislation will be voted in this year's Congress—it's still too hot a subject. So both sides are maneuvering to get their Taft-Hartley changes into the reform bill. So embroiled is the issue becoming that all amendments may be lost.

The first indication of this came last week when Sen. Sam Ervin (D., N. C.) joined Senator Kennedy in co-sponsoring S. 505. The Kennedy bill contains some softening amendments sought by labor, including several proposed by the building trades. And Senator Ervin says he doesn't like the idea.

• **Comparing the bills**—On several Taft-Hartley points, the White House labor bill is expected to look like the Kennedy version. They coincide on these proposals:

- Allow economic strikers to vote in a representation election.
- Allow contractors and unions to make agreements without the union's majority status determined in advance. And permit such contracts to contain a union shop clause that would become effective in seven days instead of the current 30 days. (This is the pre-hire contract.)
- Authorize employer payments to union apprenticeship and training programs.

But here the agreement stops. In a bill to be introduced by Sen. Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.), the Administration demands:

- A ban on "blackmail" picketing (where a union pickets an employer in an attempt to organize workers who have already rejected the union).
- A ban on "hot cargo" contracts (where the union pressures a neutral employer to support it in a dispute with another employer).
- The states be given authority to handle labor disputes turned down by the National Labor Relations Board.

Opposing this is the Kennedy bill. Apart from the Taft-Hartley changes that coincide with the White House version, the Kennedy measure includes:

- A reverse proposal on eliminating the "no-man's land" of labor cases by requiring the NLRB to take all cases in its jurisdiction.
- A ban on "shakedown" picketing that is restricted to a union's attempt to get an employer to "buy off" a union official.

Lined up right behind Senator Kennedy is the AFL-CIO—and particularly its Building Trades Department, which has been pushing the easing of Taft-Hartley rules in construction.

• **Afraid of boycotts**—What the department also had hoped for was a proposal offered by the Eisenhower Administration last year to allow picketing at a construction site, which Taft-Hartley currently bans as a secondary boycott.

However, attempts to persuade Senator Kennedy to include this were rejected with the argument that going into secondary boycotts would mean taking on the Administration's toughening proposal at the same time.

And Senator Ervin, in seeking to eliminate all Taft-Hartley provisions, commented: "When you get into secondary boycotts, you get into the principle that the best way to kill legislation is to load it up with too many provisions."

While the AFL-CIO unions are back-

ing the Kennedy version, business groups are lining up behind the White House anti-racketeering and Taft-Hartley program.

In the beginning of the debate that lies ahead, both sides will attempt some Taft-Hartley changes—Senator Kennedy through proposals softening restrictions on labor, the Mitchell-Goldwater team through proposals that would add to these curbs on boycotts and picketing.

Walking this thin legislative line may prove too risky. All Taft-Hartley proposals may be killed and a new reform bill written that deals strictly with new federal curbs on union finances, officers and union procedures.

But for the time being, the Taft-Hartley construction industry amendments are riding along with reform legislation. And at the outset, the urge to reform may carry along some of these amendments—at least the prospects are better than usual.

Homebuilders Seek Lower Costs

If the homebuilding industry is going to fulfill the dream of home ownership for more and more Americans, it must find ways to increase labor efficiency and to reduce on-site labor costs.

That was the dominant labor relations theme at the 15th Annual Convention of the National Association of Home Builders held in Chicago last week (see p. 21).

Homebuilders, traditionally plagued by money problems and particularly sensitive to labor costs and labor strife, were urged to tackle the problem on two fronts—effective legislative activity and serious labor relations work at the local level.

The association called for the help of all members in opposing weakening amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act and in supporting federal legislation that will remove some of the legal immunities now enoyed by labor.

And union homebuilders were urged to perfect their organization for collective bargaining purposes, to resist restrictive union practices, minimize direct labor costs through every means at their command, and not to surrender to illegal labor demands.

• **Legislation**—The legislative stand was taken only a few days before Sen. John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.) released his 1959 version of a labor reform bill (see p. 79). It is another indication of the likely employer resistance to any package (reform and Taft-Hartley).

Specifically, NAHB is opposing any Taft-Hartley amendments that would:

• Permit pre-hire labor contracts. (This has long been sought by the AFL-CIO building trades and is one of Senator Kennedy's proposals.)

• Permit the certification of construction unions without a National Labor Relations Board election.

• Reduce the 30-day union shop to seven days. (This is another Kennedy proposal and would apply to the building trades only.)

• Weaken the protection now afforded against secondary boycotts in the construction industry.

NAHB also has pledged its support of legislative proposals that would more nearly equate the legal liabilities of business and labor. Examples it mentions are anti-trust legislation and laws that curb political activities.

All of these recommendations relate, in one way or another, to better balancing the rights of management and labor —or at least to preventing a greater imbalance.

• **Local-level activity**—The same concern pervaded most of the convention talk about local-level labor relations activity, despite the fact that only about half of NAHB's 41,000 members are union builders.

Labor relations problems that seem to be giving homebuilders their biggest headaches are union restrictions on the use of various products, featherbedding or make-work practices, secondary boycotts and collective bargaining.

These general recommendations for local homebuilder associations emerged from a convention discussion group on labor problems:

• Organize an effective labor committee.

• Analyze and study your labor problems and engage in long-range planning.

• Know your legal rights and don't surrender them.

• Avoid secrecy and discuss your labor problems with the union.

• Be "legalistic" in your approach to labor only as a last resort.

In addition to these, NAHB itself suggested another approach to the problem of reducing labor costs. This involves new ways and means to avoid work stoppages and strikes. To this end, it pledged its support to all efforts designed "to resolve labor disputes by peaceful means, such as voluntary arbitration and grievance procedures."

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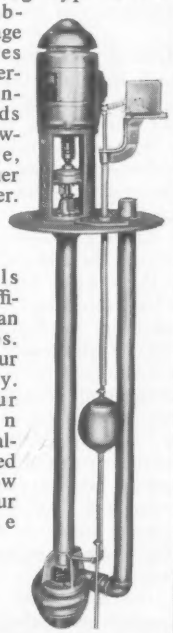

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Unity Progress

UAW and building trades negotiate jurisdiction

Efforts to solve the jurisdictional conflict between AFL-CIO craft and industrial unions are making considerable progress. And the threat of a split over the issue in the merged federation appears to have been removed—at least temporarily.

One indication that the tension has eased came from Detroit last week, where the Detroit Building Trades Council and the United Auto Workers Union have buried the hatchet. They have come up with what they call a "sensible and workable" agreement defining and controlling their respective rights to industrial construction work.

At the same time, the jurisdictional settlement machinery agreed on at the national level in Miami last year is reportedly yielding satisfactory solutions to many of the craft-industrial union disputes that have piled up for consideration by the AFL-CIO.

As a result, it looks as if the mid-winter meetings of the building trades unions and of the AFL-CIO Executive Council will not be dragged into a fight over the principle of construction by contract. The first of these meetings is under way in Miami Beach this week.

• **Detroit pact**—The Detroit agreement, which is a mutual-aid pact as well as a jurisdictional agreement, follows the basic jurisdictional principles laid down in the Miami agreement.

Those principles say production and maintenance work belong to UAW members and new construction belongs to building tradesmen. Jobs that fall between these two areas will be decided on the basis of past practices.

The jurisdictional rights of the two groups are specifically spelled out with respect to the following types of work: new buildings on new plant sites; new buildings on existing plant sites; complete remodeling of existing buildings on unrelated existing plant sites; and complete remodeling of existing buildings on existing plant sites, where no production has recently been performed. In these cases, as a general rule, the work belongs to the building trades.

However, where the work involves complete remodeling of buildings under production or the rearrangement of equipment or machinery in buildings under production, the work can be done by either group, depending on past practice.

The agreement becomes effective March 1.

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: February 12, 26, 1959.

Baldwin Municipal Authority Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Sewage Collection Project

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Baldwin, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in the Baldwin Borough Municipal Building, 3344 Churchview Avenue, Pittsburgh 27, Pennsylvania, until 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time on two (2) dates. February 12, 1959 for the construction of a portion of a Sewage Collection System as follows:

Contract I
Parts A and B
16,300 Lin. Ft. 8" to 10" Sewers

Contract II
Part C
14,300 Lin. Ft. 8" to 10" Sewers

Contract III
Parts D and E
14,000 Lin. Ft. 8" to 10" Sewers

and on February 26, 1959 for the construction of the remaining portion of the Sewage Collection System and a Glass Run Interceptor Sewer as follows:

Contract IV
Parts F and G
15,600 Lin. Ft. 8" to 10" Sewers

Contract V
Parts H, I, J, and K
21,500 Lin. Ft. 8" to 10" Sewers

Contract VI (Glass Run Interceptor Sewer)
Part L
8,500 Lin. Ft 8" to 21" Sewers

all in accordance with Contract Plans and Contract Documents which are on file at the Offices of Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill, Consulting Engineers, 1406 Berger Building, Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania. Immediately after each closing time for receipt of bids, the Authority Board will convene a meeting at the Municipal Building, where bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Bid Bond or certified check, executed by the bidder, payable to the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Baldwin, in an amount equal to Ten Percent (10%) of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Offices of the Engineers, 1406 Berger Building, Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania.

A deposit of one hundred dollars ($100.00) will be required on each set of Contract Documents taken, (Set No. 1 Contracts I, II, III; Set No. 2 Contracts IV, V, VI), which will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide bid and return of drawings and specifications in good order. Make all checks payable to the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Baldwin. Only fifty dollars ($50.00) will be refunded to those who return the drawings and specifications in good order within thirty (30) days after the last bidding date, but do not submit a formal bid.

The Baldwin Municipal Authority reserves the right to reject any and all Bids.

Dated the 22nd day of January, 1959.

THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF BALDWIN
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
Emma Bray, Secretary

Bids: February 13, 1959

Contract No. 14

DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
Administration Building
Camden, New Jersey

PAINTING THE WALT WHITMAN BRIDGE OVER THE DELAWARE RIVER CONNECTING PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA AND CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Sealed bids will be received for Painting the Walt Whitman Bridge over the Delaware River connecting Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Camden County, New Jersey, known as Contract No. 14 at the office of the Executive Director of the Delaware River Port Authority, Administration Building, Bridge Plaza, Camden, New Jersey, until 2:00 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, February 13, 1959, at which place and time they will be publicly opened and read by the Authority.

A more complete description of the work and full information for bidders are given in the Contract Documents and Specifications for this Contract, which may be obtained upon the deposit of $10.00 which will be remitted upon the receipt of bid or the return in good condition of the copies so taken within thirty days after the opening of bids.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check in the sum of $25,000 payable to the Delaware River Port Authority and drawn upon a National or State Bank or Trust Company having an office or place of business either in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, or Camden, New Jersey, and must not be enclosed with the sealed bid. The surety's consent must be shown. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to furnish a Performance and Labor and Materialmen's Bond in the sum of 100 percent.

The Authority will afford prospective bidders an opportunity to inspect the site of the work. The bidder shall submit along with his proposal a list of successfully completed contracts of comparable size.

The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bids received; to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract only to those experienced in this class of work and to the bidder whose proposal is deemed by the Authority to be most advantageous to the public interest.

DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
JOSEPH K. COSTELLO
Executive Director

Bids: February 24, 1959

Power Authority of the State of New York

For the Furnishing and Delivery of Draft Tube Gates for Tuscarora Power Plant
Specifications No. PA-N-23023
Niagara Contract No. NP37

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: The POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK will receive sealed proposals for the furnishing and delivery thereof f.o.b. destination, Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York, of the draft tube gates for the Tuscarora Power Plant until 10:30 A.M., Eastern Standard Time on the 24th day of February, 1959, at the Authority's Office, 18th Floor, The Coliseum Tower, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19, New York, at which time and place proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work consists of fabricating, furnishing and delivery thereof of approximately 528 tons of structural steel draft tube gates for the Tuscarora Power Plant.

Delivery of the above items will be required beginning April 1, 1960.

Plans, Specifications and Proposal Forms for the work may be obtained from the Power Authority of the State of New York, at the Coliseum Tower, 18th Floor, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19, New York, upon application and prepayment of a fee of Ten Dollars ($10.00) per initial set of contract documents, and Five Dollars ($5.00) per set for additional sets, no part of which will be refunded. Plans, Specifications and Proposal Forms for the work will be on file in the Authority's Office, 18th Floor, The Coliseum Tower, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19, New York, and in the office of the Engineer, Uhl, Hall & Rich, 230 Congress Street, Boston 10, Massachusetts, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during office hours.

Bids must be made and returned in duplicate in accordance with instructions contained in the Information for Bidders. Guarantee (certified check or bid bond) will be required with each bid in an amount not less than 20 percent of the gross sum bid.

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Bids: February 19, 1959.

New York State Road Work

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALBANY, N. Y.,—Pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Law, and special provisions for projects financed with Federal Aid Funds, sealed proposals will be received until ten-thirty o'clock A. M., eastern standard time on the 19th day of February 1959, by Henry A. Cohen, Director, Bureau of Contracts, 12th Floor, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N. Y., for the following projects:

County	Contract No.	Name	Miles	Type	Deposit	Estimated Cost of Work
DISTRICT No. 1, G. L. NICKERSON, District Engineer, 353 Broadway, Albany 1, New York						
Schenectady	FASS 59-1	Princetown Church Road, Pt. 2 and Dare Road, Pt. 1 Proj. S-833(2)	3.86	Bit. Double Surf. Treat.= 3.84 Mi; Misc. Work = 0.02 Mi.	$22,000 Plans $5	$400,000
Warren (Rte. 9L)	RC 59-7	Glens Falls-East Lake George, Pt. 1, SH 1666 Glens Falls-East Lake George, Pt. 2, SH 1813	....	Roadside Development	$800 Plans $5	14,900
Washington (Rte. 22)	FARC 59-6	White Creek-County Line, SH 721, Shunpike, SH 97 Proj. F-570(7)	4.53	Asphalt Concrete, Widen Exist. 21' Conc. Slab Bridge; Widen Exist. 3 Sp.-81' Bridge with Pre-Cast Beams	$45,000 Plans $5	71,900
DISTRICT No. 2, LACY KETCHUM, District Engineer, 109 No. Genesee Street, Utica 1, New York						
Herkimer	FASS 59-3	Stone Road, Co Rd. 141 Proj. S-535(1)	2.72	Bit. Double Surf. Treat. Pavt;	$19,000 Plans $5	343,000
Madison	FASS 59-4P	Stockbridge Falls-Merrillsville, Pt. 1 and Pt. 2 (Co. Rd.) Proj. S-360(3)	7.61	Bit. Double Surf. Treat. Pavt.	$13,000 Plans $5	240,000
DISTRICT No. 4, B. F. PERRY, District Engineer, Barge Canal Terminal, Rochester 1, New York						
Monroe	FAC 59-1	Rochester City: Inner Loop (Water St. to Scio St.) Proj. U-1089(10)	1.06	Drainage Tunnel in Rock	$82,000 Plans $5	1,487,000
Orleans	FASS 59-2	West Lee Street Road, Co. Rd. 94; East Lee Street Road, Co. Rd. 30A and 36 Proj. S-242(3)	3.77	Double Srf. Treat. Bit. Mac.= 3.69 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.08 Mi.	$13,000 Plans $5	232,000
DISTRICT No. 6, JAMES H. THOMAS, District Engineer, State Office Bldg., 30 West Main Street, Hornell, New York						
Chemung	FASS 59-5	Big Flats-South Corning Co. Rd. 10 Proj. S-525(1)	0.42	Bit. Double Surf. Treat. Pavt.= 0.31 Mi. Asphalt Conc. Ty. 2B = 0.11 Mi. Comp. Weld. Plate Girder Br. 5 Sp. 117.5' Each.	$28,000 Plans $5	514,000
Steuben (Rte. 15)	FARC 59-9	Bath-Avoca, Sh 5204; Bath Village, SH 5350 Proj. U-225(13)	1.60	Asphalt Concrete Pavement	$57,000 Plans $5	1,035,000
DISTRICT No. 8, KURT G. RAUER, District Engineer, Pleasant Valley Road, Poughkeepsie, New York						
Orange (Rte. 17)	FARC 59-8	Tuxedo-Harriman Pt. 1, SH 8258 Proj. F-405(9)	2.85	Asphalt Concrete Pavement	$18,000 Plans $5	335,000
Orange and Sullivan (Rte. 17)	FATS 59-1	SH 53-15; SH 54-9; SH 53-7 SH 1329; SH 41-3; SH 47-11, SH 5210 and SH 5510 Proj. F-1050(9), F-495(13)	27.98	Furnishing and Erecting Traffic Signs and Delineators	$11,000 Plans $5	204,000
DISTRICT No. 9, JOSEPH C. FREDERICK, District Engineer, 71 Frederick Street, Binghamton, New York						
Broome (Rte. 17)	RC 59-5	Windsor-Deposit, SH 5338 (Br. No. 2)		Cleaning and Painting Thru Truss Bridge	$1,000 Plans $5	19,000
DISTRICT No. 10, M. E. GOUL, District Engineer, 325 W. Main Street, Babylon, L. I., New York						
Queens (Int. Tour. Rte. 495)	FICE 59-1	Interstate Route Connection No. 513, Clearview Expressway, (58th Ave. to 35th Ave.) Cont. No. 2 Proj. I-1112(10)	1.52 (4.90 Acc.)	9" Cem. Conc. Pavt. 2 @ 36' Wide = 1.32 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.20 Mi. (Acc.= 3.91 Mi. Asp. Conc. and 0.99 Mi. Cem. Conc. Pavt.) 4 Hy. Seps. Comp. Wf Beams 2 Sp.-113.6', 2 Sp.-114.1', 2 Sp.-115.8' and 4 Sp.-199'. 1 RR Sep. Weld Wf Thru Girder 4 Sp.-210.2', 2 Ped. Overpass Wf Beams 5 Sp.-331.2 and 4 Sp.-217.4'	$600,000 Plans $10	10,780,000

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In compliance with the provisions of Section 115 (Prevailing Rate of Wage), Public Law 627, the minimum wages to be paid laborers and mechanics are included in wage schedules that are set out in the bid proposal.

Maps, plans, specifications and proposal forms may be seen and obtained at the office of the State Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contracts, Albany, N. Y., and at the office of the District Engineers noted above, and may also be seen at the office of the State Department of Public Works, 270 Broadway, New York City.

The deposit for Plans and Proposal Forms for each contract is indicated above. A refund will be made in full to bidders for return of one set, in good condition, within 30 days of award, or rejection of bids; refund for all other sets in good condition, similar period, will be 50% of deposit.

Special attention of bidders is called to "Information for Bidders" in the Public Works Specifications, and to the special provisions applying to projects financed with federal funds. Award of a contract is subject to priorities and allocations under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as Amended, and all regulations issued thereunder.

Proposal for each contract must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name and number of the contract plainly endorsed on the outside of the envelope. Each proposal must be accompanied by draft or certified check payable to the order of the "State of New York, Commissioner of Taxation and Fiannce" for the sum as specified in the advertisement and the proposal. The retention and disposal of the bidding check, the execution of the contract and bond shall conform to the provisions of the Highway Laws, as set forth in "Information for Bidders".

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Bids: February 3, 1959

Allegheny County, Penna. County Department of Aviation

Pittsburgh, Pa., January 2nd, 1959.

Separate and sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the County Controller of Allegheny County, Room 104 Court House, Pittsburgh, Pa., until 10:30 o'clock A.M. Eastern Standard Time, TUESDAY, February 3rd, 1959, and will be opened and read by the County Commissioners in the Gold Room, Room 410 Court House, Pittsburgh, Pa., one-half hour later, 11:00 o'clock A.M. Eastern Standard Time, for the following:

CONTRACT NO. 8-J
GRADING & DRAINAGE OF EAST-WEST PARALLEL RUNWAY TAXIWAY "N" AND "Z", GRADING, DRAINAGE & PAVING OF RELOCATED MOON CLINTON ROAD—CONNECTING ROAD AND HANGAR SERVICE ROAD—
GREATER PITTSBURGH AIRPORT
CONTRACT NO. 8-L
CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERPASS AT INTERSECTION OF TAXIWAY "N" AND HANGAR SERVICE ROAD
GREATER PITTSBURGH AIRPORT

The minimum wage rates permissible on this project shall be in accordance with the schedule of minimum rates set up in the Contract Documents.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of Bids.

Specifications, Form of Contract, Instructions to Bidders, Proposals and Blue Print Copies of Letting Plans may be viewed at the Office of the Commissioners of Allegheny County.

Copies of the above data for use of Bidders will be furnished upon application to the Contract Clerk, in the County Department of Works of Allegheny County, Room 502 County Office Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

A charge of $2.00 will be made for each set of Standard Contract Specifications.

A charge of $25.00 will be made for each set of Plans & Specifications for CONTRACT NO. 8-J.

A charge of $5.00 will be made for each set of Plans and Specifications for CONTRACT NO. 8-L.

There will be no refund on the Standard Contract Specifications or Plans and Specifications.

Check or Money Order to cover Specifications to be made out to the "COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY".

Proposals must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Surety Company Bond (on County's Form) to the order of/or running to the County of Allegheny for the amount fixed in the Instructions to Bidders as evidence that the Bidder will accept and carry out the conditions of the Contract in case of award.

The County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all Bids.

JAMES W. KNOX, CONTROLLER,
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY.

Bids: March 2, 1959

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company

Railroad Bridges

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, E. J. Brown, Chief Engineer, is taking bids due on March 2, 1959 at 12:00 noon, C.S.T., for the construction of the substructures for the following three railroad bridges at Quincy, Illinois.

1. Mississippi River Bridge—No. 262.44; 13 piers—2 abutments. Principal construction quantities: 21,600 cu. yd. excavation; 20,400 cu. yd. concrete; driving 56,400 lin. ft. steel piles; 222,000 lbs. reinforcing steel.
2. Quincy Bay Bridge—No. 261.57; 6 piers—2 abutments. Principal construction quantities: 5,800 cu. yd. excavation; 5,060 cu. yd. concrete; driving 17,700 lin. ft. steel piles; 97,000 lbs. reinforcing steel.
3. State Aid Route #7 Bridge—No. 261.26; 2 piers—2 abutments. Principal construction quantities: 920 cu. yd. excavation; 825 cu. yd. concrete; driving 570 lin. ft. steel piles; 43,500 lb. reinforcing steel.

Steel piles will be furnished by the Railroad. Separate bids will be taken for each of these bridges. Bids may be tied.

Plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of the Chief Engineer, Room 1501, 547 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill., upon payment of $25.00 per set which is refundable.

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: February 17, 1959

Contract NYA-650.073

THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL AND AIRLINE WING BUILDINGS
SCREEN WALLS AND PAVING

Sealed proposals for the construction of screen walls, paving and utilities for the service courts at the International Arrival and Airline Wing Buildings at New York International Airport will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer of The Port of New York Authority, Room 1100, 111 Eighth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., until 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 17, 1959, at which time said proposals will be opened and read in Room 1108.

Contract documents may be seen at the Office of the Assistant Chief Engineer for Design of the Authority, Room 1115. Documents will be furnished upon deposit of $30.00 per set for not more than three sets to any one company (each set including one copy of the contract drawings). Additional sets will be furnished upon payment of $30.00 per set, which payment is not returnable. Deposits and payments shall be delivered to the Treasury Department, Room 1001, where a receipt will be issued. The receipt shall be delivered to Room 1115, where the documents will be furnished.

Those who have submitted a bid on the contract directly to the Authority will receive a refund of the deposit for each set of documents, not exceeding three, returned within forty days after the opening of proposals. Those who have not submitted a bid will receive a refund of one-half of the deposit for each set of documents, not exceeding three, returned within forty days after the opening of proposals.

THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
Donald V. Lowe, Chairman

New York, January 29, 1959

Bids: February 24, 1959

Stream Control Works Contract 460

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Board of Water Supply, at its offices, thirteenth floor, 120 Wall Street, New York City, until 11:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, February 24, 1959, for Contract 460, for the construction of the stream control works and portions of the release water structures for the proposed Cannonsville dam. The stream control works will consist of an inlet structure; a diversion conduit, about 1280 feet long and 17 feet 6 inches in diameter, with a transition at each end; and a stilling pool. The portions of the release water structures to be constructed under this contract will consist of a portion of the emergency gate tower, the release water conduit and the substructure for the release water chamber. The release water conduit, about 590 feet long, will be a 12-foot diameter steel pipe, lined with cement mortar, encased in concrete and constructed on top of the diversion conduit. All work shall be as set forth in the specifications.

No bid will be received and deposited unless accompanied by a certified check upon a National or State bank, drawn and made payable to the order of the Comptroller of The City of New York, in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00), for the proper execution of the Contract.

Pamphlets containing information for bidders, forms of bid and contract, specifications, contract drawings, requirements as to surety, etc., can be obtained in the Secretary's office, Room 1312, at the above address, upon application in person or by mail, by depositing the sum of $5.00 for each pamphlet. Within 30 days following the award of contract or rejection of bids the full amount of such deposit will be refunded for each pamphlet submitted as a bid and a refund of $4.00 will be made for each other pamphlet returned in acceptable condition. Arrangements will be made whereby prospective bidders desiring blueprints of the contract drawings for their own use may secure same, the cost thereof to be paid by them. For further particulars apply at the office of the Chief Engineer at the above address.

ARTHUR C. FORD, President, EDWARD C. MAGUIRE, HERBERT M. ROSENBERG, Commissioners; Board of Water Supply: BETTY COHEN, Acting Secretary.

U. S. Government

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Reclamation. Sealed bids (Specifications No. DC-5144) will be received at Casper, Wyoming, until 10 a.m. Mountain Standard Time, March 10, 1959, for furnishing labor and materials for completion of Fremont Canyon Power Plant, Glendo Unit, Wyoming, Missouri River Basin Project. Location approximately 40 miles southwest of Casper, Wyoming. Principal items are: 1,700 cu. yds. second stage concrete in power plant; 138,000 lbs. furnishing and placing reinforcement bars; 70,000 pounds furnishing and installing miscellaneous metalwork; Lump sum—installing and testing two 33,500 horsepower hydraulic turbines; 60,000 lbs. furnishing and installing metal pipe, fittings and valves; and other work. Completion time 360 days. For particulars, address Bureau of Reclamation, Building 46, Denver Federal Center, Denver 2, Colorado; P. O. Box 280, Casper, Wyoming; or Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Denver 2, Colorado. W. A. Dexheimer, Commissioner.

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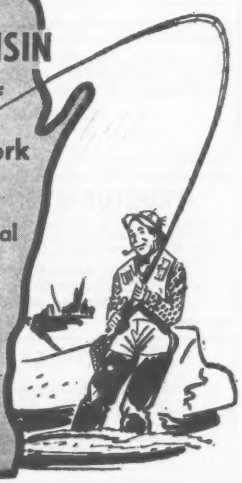

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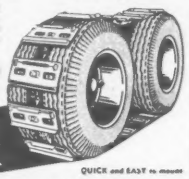

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How to Spur Homebuilding

THE TWO OMNIBUS HOUSING BILLS introduced to Congress (ENR Jan. 22, p. 109) shy away from a basic problem in the mass housing market: removal of the interest ceiling on FHA and VA-insured mortgages. Instead, stimulation of housing is sought in numerous other ways, including the very questionable one of having the government purchase FHA and VA mortgages at par.

This approach lifted the mass housing market temporarily last year, while the federal money for mortgage purchases lasted. But when all the money was committed, housing began to drop off again (ENR Dec. 11, 1958, p. 111). The same experience is indicated for this year—if this proposal becomes law—and for each year, as long as we use such a crutch for housing.

Mass housing simply cannot grow as fast as the number of potential home buyers qualifying for FHA and VA loans justifies; it cannot attract investment at its present interest limits. Moreover, interest rates in general have resumed their climb in the last few weeks, meaning that FHA and VA mortgages may well be even less attractive during the next few months than they were last fall or last spring. The burden on the Federal National Mortgage Association—to buy FHA and VA paper—will be greater this year than last. With the same amount of funds, Fannie Mae may have to offset a greater "deficit" in private capital interested in government-insured mortgages. The result would be fewer housing starts this year than last financed by government-insured mortgages.

Interest ceilings have been a selling problem in FHA or VA mortgages since 1956. Now, the new rise in borrowing costs is sure to accentuate the problem, for as interest rates rise on competing investments housing loans at limited rates lose their attraction.

It's time to stop hamstringing home buyers and homebuilders, and to give investors a chance to do better than is now possible on FHA and VA mortgages. The new housing legislation under consideration ought to remove the interest rate limits. Then, FNMA purchases of government-insured mortgages at par value could be halted.

Fire Safety Responsibility

AS AN AFTERMATH of the Chicago school fire that took the lives of 93 persons, inspection of schools throughout the country revealed deplorable conditions in a startlingly high percentage of them. The Chicago tragedy could have happened almost anywhere. And there is evidence that similar unsafe conditions exist in hotels, factories, night clubs and many other structures in which the public gathers. Steps should be taken immediately to rectify this dangerous situation.

Sufficient information is available on how to make buildings fire safe. ENR's special report last week (Jan. 22, p. 21), for example, not only summarized the results of the recent school investigations, but also the minimum measures that should be taken for fire safety in schools. More detailed information on preventing loss of life in these and other structures can be obtained from many sources, such as insurance companies, the National Fire Protection Association and local fire departments.

Actually, in most cases, the cost of the added fire protection needed is relatively low. The Chicago tragedy could probably have been prevented for the equivalent of the price of a penny lollypop a day per pupil since the school was built.

Architects and engineers, as well as municipal fire officials and building inspectors, are in a strong position to enforce fire safety. Their recommendations for building-code requirements are respected by lawmaking bodies. Moreover, regardless of legal requirements, they can design for safety against fire just as they do for safety against gravity, wind and seismic loads. And, in the last analysis, they are the ones who have the best opportunity to convince building owners that fire safety is not a frill to be cut out when cost-savings are being sought.

Fire safety is such a major responsibility of architects and engineers that they should take the lead in all efforts to assure it. By following good design practices themselves and by using their knowledge and influence to promote sensibly adequate laws, they can be instrumental in avoiding loss of life in building fires.

An Ill Wind

THE NEED TO SPEND BILLIONS for missiles is a distasteful but nevertheless important factor in the construction picture. The story on intercontinental ballistic missiles (p. 30) is, therefore, worth attention. It points out that the Atlas missile will become operational late this year at a base where construction is nearing completion; and that the Titan missile, two years from operational status, awaits construction of four bases, to cost perhaps $100 million each.

Billions will be spent for these Atlas and Titan installations. And then more billions will be required for the Minuteman, which will make the relatively primitive Titan and Atlas obsolete. Of course, such base facilities as dormitories, mess halls, shops and the like may be salvaged, but the expensive launching complexes will of necessity be scrapped, replaced.

ENR's correspondent, Ralph Smith, reporting on this story out of Omaha (SAC headquarters), sums it up this way: "As a taxpayer, this (spending) is a dismal prospect. But as a free American interested in staying free, what else can be done?" Indeed, what else.

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